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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT**

TUESDAY MAY 16, 2023

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum.

- X Mike Vereschagin
- X Ernie Pieper
- John Erickson
- X Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

Roll call was as above and a quorum was determined.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- X Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant.
- X Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- X Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group & Water & Land Solutions.
- X Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group & Water & Land Solutions.
- X Steve Carlos, Capay Farms and JSR Family Farms.
- X Darin Titus, Timiran.
- X Wes Battson, Capay Farms.
- X Shane Burreson, Landowner.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the April 18th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Pieper) to approve the April 18th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

- AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, C. Schonauer, J. Jones.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: J. Erickson.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for April and the check register. Manager Cavagnolo answered questions the Board had regarding the financials and the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper / Jones) to approve the April Financial Report and checks#14108 thru # 14153 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, C. Schonauer, J. Jones.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: J. Erickson.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard reported on shop and field activities over the past month. The District vehicles are in good shape. Chris updated the board on this month’s water use. Chris also reported that the District wells are recovering slowly, but are still low. The field staff have been installing new meters and checking meters which have not been used in recent years. Field tech Justin Rolfs has been monitoring the pilot recharge sites and measuring wells. Water quality has been poor due to high flows in the river.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board his Manager’s Report, which was included in the Board packet, and answered any questions the Board had. Manager Cavagnolo reported that all of the Forms 700 have been received by the District and all required training has been completed. Manager Cavagnolo reported the County of Glenn will be requesting annexation of the transfer station and the land leased to West Hills Shooting Facility for M&I water. Manager Cavagnolo also reported that the LAIF first quarter interest was \$29,436.00. Manager Cavagnolo reported that he is working detaching some old parcels that paid out their assessments but were never formally detached. These acres are not charged for anything from the District, but still show they are in the District. He will bring cost estimates and a plan to detach at a future Board Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. The Board to receive an update on Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities.

Director Jones reported to the Board on the TCCA Board meeting held on May 3rd. Director Jones reported that Section 215 water was still available and may be for some time.

B. The Board to receive an update on Glenn Groundwater Authority.

a. Report on GGA Board Meeting.

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 05/10/2023. Director Schonauer also reported that the Glenn County Supervisors are working on water well drilling standards. The document has been revised and is looking better. There will be another workshop on the 17th. Director Schonauer reported that the fee survey is still being worked on. One of the options being considered is a 3-rate system. One for non—irrigated land, another for irrigated land in a water or irrigation district, and a rate for irrigated non-district land.

b. Report on pilot ground water recharge projects.

Jenny Scheer reported on the progress of the GGA recharge work. Agreements with OUWUA landowners need to be completed and signed. Joe Turner, Geo Tech, will be setting up the monitoring for the two OUWUA sites and the Vereschagin sump.

Manager Cavagnolo reported on the OAWD pilot recharge projects. Section 215 water is being delivered at less locations because of regular irrigation. Water is still being delivered into ponds, sumps, and on pastures. More than 1,448 acre-feet of water has been delivered at a cost of \$31,000. Wells are still being measured at most sites.

C. The Board to receive an update on annexations.

a. The Board to discuss Easement & Annexation agreements.

The Directors reviewed the easement and annexation agreements and had minor revisions. They also reviewed the annexation policy and draft resolution to replace Resolution 2003-5. The Directors made no actions at this meeting. They will continue review of the documents and consider them at a future meeting. Chase Hurley said that he would bring information on improvement districts to give options for the Directors.

b. The Board will receive an update from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project.

Jenny Scheer and Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, updated the Board on the progress on the Orland A Farmers Group Annexation. At landowner meeting on the 19th, the landowners were given costs based on the 30% designs and the connection fee for using the District's existing infrastructure.

c. The Board to discuss connecting to existing infrastructure fees.

The OAFG landowners and Chase Hurley explained that the costs for construction are high, and following 3 poor years, it is difficult to spend money. The OAFG landowners requested that the Directors lower the connection fee or stretch the payment from 5 to 10 years. There was much discussion, Director Pieper felt the fee was reasonable but had no problem with extending payment to 10 years. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Schonauer) to approve extending the connection to existing infrastructure fee from 5 to 10-years by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, C. Schonauer, J. Jones.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: J. Erickson.

D. The Board to discuss 2023 elections for Directors.

Administrative Assistant, Angel Stephens, reported the time for applications for candidates is open until June 2nd. Angel reported the candidate packets were distributed by email to those who requested them. One person came by the office and received a hard copy.

E. **The Board to discuss planning for the 2023 water year.**

a. **Update on water transfers.**

Manager Cavagnolo reported that the MID transfer has been executed and paid. It is for 4,500 AF. The PCGID transfer has been executed for 3,000 AF.

b. **The Board to discuss and consider amending language in Maxwell Irrigation District's transfer agreement.**

There has been no word from MID.

F. **The Board to discuss General Manager Search.**

Director Mike Vereschagin reported on the meeting the Ad-Hoc Committee had on the Manager search. Mike reported he and Director Erickson reviewed several samples of flyers, job descriptions, and advertisements for water district managers and gave direction to Manager Cavagnolo to put together some documents for the Board Meeting. Manager Cavagnolo gave the Directors a packet containing draft flyer, job description, and application for their review. The Directors will come back next month with their comments.

G. **CLOSED SESSION: Existing Litigation [Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)]: A discussion on litigation resulting from the WIIN Act Loan Conversion.**

Being there was nothing new to discuss on the WIIN Act Loan Conversion litigation, the Board did not go into closed session.

H. **Report from Closed Session.**

There was no report from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further District business, Board President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE June 20, 2023
MEETING OF THE BOARD**