

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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John Erickson  
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**MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 18, 2021**

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone, or tablet.

**DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- X   Emil Cavagnolo, Manager
- X   Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
- X   Karen Osborn, Office Secretary
- X   Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote**

- Mike Vereschagin: AYE
- Ernie Pieper: AYE
- John Erickson: AYE
- Jim Jones: ABSTAIN
- Chuck Schonauer: AYE

**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 (Jones/Erickson) to approve the April Financial Report and checks#12944 thru #12990 by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote**

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

The Board reviewed the Water Superintendent’s report, which was included in the Board Packet. The report updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

A. Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board his Manager’s Report, which was included in the Board packet, and answered any questions the Board had.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Director Jones updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he participated in on 5/05/2021.

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meeting he participated in on 5/10/2021. Director Schonauer stated there is a lot of information available on their website.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the GGA/CGA Joint TAC meeting he participated in on 5/13/21.

**C. The Board to receive an update on future annexations.**

Chase Hurley, of the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the Board on a future improvement district and annexations. Chase advised the Board they have turned in their application and sent in a \$1,000 Application Fee. They have 16 landowners with 12,109 acres and 80% of the deeds have been collected. The directors asked how would they charge. For example,

would they pool everything or would they charge based on location (close to canal, etc.). The Board expressed concerns. Director Pieper stated the District doesn't have enough information yet. Director Erickson wants the District to charge for all of our time spent.

Chase suggested basing the deposit amount at \$5 per acre for land applied for, about \$50,000 which will be used to cover any costs to the District caused by the project. Chase informed the Board that all of the work on the project will be done by him or Provost & Prichard, who he has hired and they will be paid by his group.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve our attorney, Josh Horowitz, putting together a funding agreement addressing how much of a deposit would be required which would include a replenishing clause. Manager Cavagnolo will provide a rate schedule for District staff. The vote was as follows:

**Roll Call Vote**

Mike Vereschagin: AYE  
Ernie Pieper: AYE  
John Erickson: AYE  
Jim Jones: AYE  
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

**D. The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2021 water year.**

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board drought year planning for the 2021 water year. We lost our 5% water allocation from the Bureau and Emil is looking for ways to replace the water we lost.

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

The Board did not go into closed session.

**F. Report from Closed Session:**

Since the Board did not go into closed session there was no report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

Approved at the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting