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

TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2023

MINUTES

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

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum.

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.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the March 15th Special Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson / Pieper) to approve the March 15th Special Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for March 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 March Financial Report and checks#14055 thru # 14107 by the following vote:

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

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. Manager Cavagnolo reported the County of Glenn will be requesting annexation of the transfer station for M&I water. Manager Cavagnolo also reported on the County of Glenn's water well drilling standards meeting. He said that there was a good turnout and the supervisors were listening to the public. It was clear that they had not yet decided anything.

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 April 5th. Director Jones reported that even though drought conditions have ended and spending may increase, the district's assessment will not be increased.

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 04/10/2023. Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Ad-Hoc Recharge Committee meeting on 04/03/2023. Director Schonauer also reported that the Glenn County Supervisors are working on water well drilling standards.

b. Report on pilot ground water recharge projects.

Manager Cavagnolo reported on the OAWD pilot recharge projects. Section 215 water is being delivered at 13 locations into ponds, sumps, and on pastures. More than 1,000 acre-feet of water has been delivered at a cost of \$12,382. The district had two connections installed at a cost of \$9,262. A third connection was installed but the district has not received the invoice. Wells are being measured at most sites and all are rising.

C. The Board to receive an update on annexations.

a. 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. The 30% designs are done and there will be a landowner meeting on the 19th. Work will start on the 60% designs and updated costs estimates will be presented. Water & Land Solutions is on target to have the LAFCO application ready to submit later this year.

The Directors reviewed Sac Valley CPA's survey for fee's associated with using the existing infrastructure and considered a fee. Taken into consideration was that annexed acres would have a Class 2 water contract and would be the first to be shut off when pipeline capacities are exceeded. The survey was based on the amount landowners paid for district infrastructure through 2020, a 75-year depreciation schedule, and either O&M on the system for 30-years or 7-years of O&M (because O&M tends to repeat on a 7-year cycle). Lands annexed into the District and using existing infrastructure will be paying the Distribution System Assessment and the CVP Construction from year 2021 and the current Operations charge. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Schonauer) to set the Connection to Existing Infrastructure Rate at \$400 per acre if paid in full in advance or \$450 per acre if paid over 5-years by the following vote:

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

Water & Land Solutions asked the Board if annexed acres having paid for their own infrastructure and not connecting to existing infrastructure will be charged a fee for annexing into the District. The Board considered current policy and the consensus of the Board was to not charge a fee to lands annexed into the District which have their own infrastructure and a Class 2 water contract. These types of annexed acres will pay the District's CVP Construction Charge from year 2021 and the current Operations Charge.

D. The Board to discuss 2023 elections for Directors.

a. The Board to consider adoption of Resolution 2023-01, Resolution Calling District Election, to be Conducted by all Mailed Ballots, Notice of Elective Offices to be Filled, and Requesting that the Glenn County Elections Official Conduct the Election. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper / Schonauer) to approve Resolution 2023-01 by the following vote:

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

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

a. Update on water transfers.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the board on water transfers for 2023. It does not look like more water will be needed. There is a lot of water available for transfer if needed.

- b. The Board to discuss and consider Resolution 2023-02 Approving One-Year Water Transfer from Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District.

The Board considered adoption of Resolution 2023-02, After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Erickson) to approve Resolution 2023-02 by the following vote:

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

- c. Update on 2023 USBR allocation.

Manager Cavagnolo reported that due to Shasta Lake levels, the allocation should soon be increased to 100%.

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

Manager Cavagnolo reported that he has not yet received the proposed language for MID's transfer agreement.

F. The Board to discuss General Manager Search.

The Board discussed how to go about looking for a new manager. Directors Vereschagin and Erickson will work on solutions.

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 MAY 16, 2023
MEETING OF THE BOARD**