

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Vereschagin, President
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GENERAL MANAGER

Justin Dahl

**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

JULY 16, 2024

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- X Mike Vereschagin
- X Steve Carlos
- X Brian Erickson
- X Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X Justin Dahl, Manager
- X Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
- X Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- X Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions

CALL TO ORDER

President of the board, Mike Vereschagin, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above. It was determined a quorum was met. President Vereschagin, on behalf of the Orland-Artois Directors and Staff, gave his condolences to Director Brian Erickson for the passing of his father and past Director John Erickson.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the June 18th, board meeting was reviewed. After board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve the June 18th board meeting minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>			
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>			
Jim Jones:			<u> X </u>	
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>			

PUBLIC FORUM:

No Comments.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for June and the check register. Manager Dahl and Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens answered the Director's questions, regarding the financials. After board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve the June Financial Report and checks #14777 thru #147801 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>			
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>			
Jim Jones:	<u> X </u>			
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>			

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard updated the board on district operations, water use, deep wells, vehicles, and water quality and answered any questions the board had. He reported that Justin Rolfs was back and was released for light duty only. He reported he had a pipe break on Road 35 that ended up being a rolled gasket. Chris and Justin D. explained to the board the traveling screen on 35.2 failed. Staff contacted Lely’s to come remove it with the crane so staff could still operate for the season.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- A. Manager Dahl reviewed his Manager’s Report, which was included in the board packet, with the board, and answered any questions asked. While reviewing the topic of failed screens at 35.2, Director Jones suggested sending a certified letter to the manufacturer to see what kind of warranty and response we could get. The Directors had no further questions for Manager Dahl.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Director Jones reported no July meeting or updates to report on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.

- B. The Board received an update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and Ground Water Recharge Projects. Director Schonauer gave an update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meetings he participated in. He explained how the new groundwater authority fee has been implemented and how the domestic well mitigation policy is being made. Director Schonauer and Manager Dahl reminded the board of the dates and locations for the public protests and encouraged others to attend.

- C. The Board received an update from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project. Chase Hurley of WLS, updated the board and staff on filings at the Glenn County Recorder's office. He will send the files to district counsel for review and then turn them into the county. Due to notary issues, we may have some of the documents resigned. His new thought/hope is to have everything completed by mid-August. They will be taking in 2-3 at a time not to overwhelm them.

Chase gave an update and discussed the 99W pipeline easement locations and the recharge basin behind OAWD. He spoke to 5 of the 6 landowners. They all seemed very receptive and Chase is hoping to get a face-to-face meeting with some of the folks to start the process of getting easements for this project. The Orland-A Farmers Group would like to know if OAWD would like to take on some of the cost for the pipeline from the canal to the basin behind OAWD for a possible long-term recharge area they would oversize the pipeline to be able to pump more water into that basin/gravel pit area. President Vereschagin asked if the district would be the ones to recoup those "recharge credits" if it went into a program where that would be a factor. Chase said from their perspective and the Orland-A Farmers Group's perspective yes absolutely as that would be a benefit for all landowners Class 1 and Class 2. Director Jones said he would like to see a cost-benefit analysis to answer our landowners why we thought it would be a good investment. Chase said he would like to work with Manager Dahl on that analysis. Director Carlos questioned if we had spoken to the owner yet to write something up and make this official before we put anything into this.

It was the direction of the board to have Manager Dahl keep researching and attempt to make contact with the landowner and move forward from there.

Chase wanted the district to start having some conversations with other water districts about long-term water agreements to secure more water for our annexing landowners.

- D. The Board received an update on the Orland-Artois Water District 401K plan. Manager Dahl and Administrative Assistant Stephens after attending an online teams training meeting, made the district's first payments on behalf of the employees. The district's contribution will be made at the end of every month, and the employees will be made at each pay period.

E. The Directors reviewed the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan, and after board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>			
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>			
Jim Jones:	<u> X </u>			
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>			

F. The Board to review and approve Resolution 2024-03 Certifying Delinquent Water Service Charges to Be Collected as Part of District Assessments. After board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve Resolution 2024-03 by the following vote.

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	<u> X </u>			
Steve Carlos:	<u> X </u>			
Brian Erickson:	<u> X </u>			
Jim Jones:	<u> X </u>			
Chuck Schonauer:	<u> X </u>			

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Stephens

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT
THE AUGUST 20TH, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD.**