BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Vereschagin, President Charles Schonauer, Vice President James A Jones

Brian Erickson

Steve Carlos

GENERAL MANAGER

Justin Dahl

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2024

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- X Mike Vereschagin
- <u>X</u> Steve Carlos
- X Brian Erickson
- <u>X</u> Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X Justin Dahl, Manager
- X Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
- X Justin Rolfs, Field Tech
- X Angel Stephens, Administrative Specialist
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- **X** Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions
- X Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING AT 1:30 PM. THE BOARD, ACTING AS A BOARD OF</u> <u>EQUALIZATION, TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2024-09 DETERMINING GROSS</u> <u>ASSESSED VALUE AND FIXING AND ORDERING ASSESSMENT.</u>

The public hearing was opened at 1:30 p.m. No members of the public were present. The public hearing was closed. It was m/s/c (Jones/Carlos) to approve Resolution 2024-09 The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Vereschagin:	Х			
Steve Carlos:	X			
Brian Erickson:	X			
Jim Jones:	X			
Chuck Schonauer:	X			

BOARD ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025

Director/President Vereschagin reminded the Directors the President and Vice President Officer positions were up for election from the Board. After discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to keep the same slate of Officers in the same positions (Mike Vereschagin as President and Chuck Schonauer as Vice President).

The vote was as follows:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the November 26th Board meeting were reviewed. There was one grammatical error made on page 10, Administrative Specialist Angel Stephens omitted the words "to approve" by accident and was asked to amend the sentence. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer / Jones) to approve the November 26th Board meeting minutes as amended 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:

Nothing to Report

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for November and the check register. Manager Dahl and Administrative Specialist Angel Stephens answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Carlos/Erickson) to approve the November Financial Report and checks #15295 through #15327 by the following vote:

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard reviewed with the Board his report, which was included in the Board packet, and answered any questions the Board had.

MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Manager Dahl 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 received 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 attended on 12/11/2024.

- B. The Board received an update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and Ground Water Recharge Projects. Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meetings he participated in.
- C. The Board received an update on the annexations from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project. Jenny reported they are still moving and making progress on the recordings at the county. She expects to be through them and be able to send them to LAFCO who will then file a notice of completion. Once the notice has been recorded, the documents will move forward to the BOR for approval. She is hoping that they will be through in late January or mid-February. Jenny discussed the 99W pipeline easements were still being worked on. Both Manager Dahl and Jenny Scheer spoke about the recharge basin south of the OAWD office as part of the 99W pipeline, they had both been trying to reach out to the landowners with not much luck. They would still like to move forward with a study in the basin to see if it will even be a viable area to recharge. It was the

direction of the Board that as soon as they hear back from the landowner they will keep moving forward accordingly.

D. The Board to consider Resolution 2024-10 Ordering the District Assessor to add unpaid charges to assessments. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Carlos) to approve Resolution 2024-10 by the following vote:

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

E. The Board will consider approving the 2025 Draft O&M Budget. Manager Dahl presented the Board with a draft budget and was able to show via a slide on the monitor the difference in O&M cost if he added in the annexed acres or omitted them. Director Carlos commented due to the unknown timing of closure on annexed grounds and not knowing if the closure will be before or after the first O&M payments/invoices will be out/due he would suggest for this year to not count the annexed land when figuring the total acreage. After discussion with the Board, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to use funds from the reserve to keep the O&M the same per acre amount as the previous year of \$37.50 per acre by the following vote:

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11. CLOSED SESSION: The board went into a closed session at 3:09 p.m. to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation-General Manager under Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957. The Board came out of the closed session at 3:21 p.m. President Vereschagin reported after discussion/review Manager Dahl will receive a C.O.L.A. increase.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Angel Stephens

APPROVED AT THE JANUARY 21ST BOARD MEETING BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS