

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

July 20,2021

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting will be conducted by teleconference for Public Access, the meeting was accessible by the public via telephone, computer, smartphone, or tablet.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- X Mike Vereschagin
- X Ernie Pieper, on line, Go to Meeting.
- X John Erickson
- X Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X Emil Cavagnolo, Manager
- X Chris Drouillard Water Superintendent
- X Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group
- X Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group
- X Mary Cummins, Robert W. Johnson Accountancy, on line, Go to Meeting.

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 June 15th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/ Schonauer) to approve the June 15th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, J. Jones, C. Schonauer
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 June 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 (Schonauer /Jones) to approve the June Financial Report and checks#13038 thru #13097 by the following vote:

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water Superintendent, Chris Drouillard reviewed the Water Superintendent’s report, and updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

The July TCCA Board Meeting was canceled and there was no report.

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 07/12/21 and on Glenn County’s Drought Task Force meeting.

Manager Cavagnolo reported that the July GGA/CGA Joint TAC meeting was canceled to allow the consultant team time to finish draft GSP chapters 5 and 6 and their related appendixes. These are now out for public review.

C. The Board to consider the 2020 Annual Financial Audit presented by Mary Cummins from Robert W. Johnson Accountancy.

Mary Cummins presented the 2020 Financial Audit to the Board. She explained the different parts of the District financials and concluded the District was in good financial order. Mary explained that with the new BBVA bank loans District financials will be more accurate and transparent compared to previous years when the loans were with the Bureau of Reclamation. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to approve the 2020 Financial Audit Report as presented by the following vote:

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

D. The Board to receive an update on future annexations.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Tuscan Land pumping facility USBR license progress. The license has been applied for and the Cultural Resource Report is being written by a consultant.

Director Jones updated the Board on the two ad-hoc Annexation Committee meetings. At the first committee meeting some minor edits were made to the Funding Agreement. The edits were to move the acres being annexed to an exhibit to allow changes to the number of acres and the ownership of land to be changed without having to change the whole document. As land comes in and out of the project, the exhibit will be edited and brought to the Board for approval. The second committee meeting included Chase Hurley. At this meeting there was discussion on the signatories required for the Funding Agreement. Directors Jones and Schonauer expressed the importance of the Landowners signing the Funding Agreement with full knowledge of the project's costs.

Chase Hurly updated the Board on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation. Chase said that his group is fine with the changes to the Funding agreement. Chase's staff is working on putting together all of the deeds and ownership of the lands to be annexed. Chase said that he would be having a landowner meeting in the near future.

After Board discussion, the Directors added a requirement to have signatures notarized. It was m/s/c (Schonauer / Erickson) to approve the Orland-Artois Water District Funding Agreement for Orland A Farmers Group Annexation Project with the requirement for notarized signatures by the following vote:

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

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Directors on the status of 2021 water transfers and the needs of the OAWD water users. He reported that there is little if any water available for transfer in the near future. The District is working with water users to move water from those who have more water than they will need to those who are running out.

F. The Board to consider circulating request for proposals for District Banking.

Manager Cavagnolo asked the Board to table this item because of the need to get through the current short water year.

G. The Board to consider the Funding Agreement between Orland-Artois Water District and the County of Butte for a Proposition 1, Round 1 grant for a Canal Pre-Screen Project for Plant 35.2

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Schonauer) to approve the Funding Agreement between Orland-Artois Water District and the County of Butte for a Proposition 1, Round 1 grant for a Canal Pre-Screen Project for Plant 35.2 as presented by the following vote:

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

H. **The Board to discuss the reorganization of the District Office Staff**

After Board Discussion the consensus of the Board was to leave it to management to hire necessary staff and set salaries. The Board did not go into closed session.

I. **Report from Closed Session**

There was no report.

J. **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.

K. **Report from Closed Session**

There was no report.

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved by the OAWD Board of Directors on 08/17/2021