

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

October 26, 2021

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE: Consistent with AB 361, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public may attend the meeting and offer public comments by phone, using the call-in number provided below. Members of the Board will participate either in person or by teleconference from other locations.

AGENDA

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 Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- X Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- X Marc Frelier, Representing the Foley Ranch.
- X Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group.
- X Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- X Josh Horowitz, Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, phoned in for Closed Session.
- X Darin Titus, North Valley Nut.
- X Steve Carlos, Capay Farms.
- X Wes Battson, Capay Farms.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

Consider finding by a majority vote under Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(B) that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency: (i) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and (ii) the meeting is authorized to be held by teleconference pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C). After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/ Pieper) to approve After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer / Erickson) to approve

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the September 21st Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/ Pieper) to approve the August 17th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

The were no comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for September 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 / Erickson) to approve the September Financial Report and checks#13201 thru #13253 by the following vote:

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

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

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. The Board to Receive an Update on Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he participated in on 10/06/2021.

B. The Board to Receive an Update on Glenn Groundwater Authority.

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 10/11/2021. Director Schonauer reported that The GSP draft is completed and out for public review.

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

The Board to discussed the annexation of the Foley property with Marc Feiler and the consensus was to wait for more information on future wells before making a decision on annexation.

Director Schonauer reported on the Annexation Ad-Hoc Committee meeting with Chase Hurley, Jenny Scheer of Water & Land Solutions, Darin Titus of North Valley Nut, and Steve Carlos and Wes Bettison of Capay Farms. The meeting was to explore the use of existing infrastructure to deliver water to annexed lands.

After receiving the update, the Board discussed the use of existing infrastructure with input from Darin, Wes, and Steve. The consensus of the Board was to be open to consider this idea in limited areas. The Board asked Chase to bring back the number of acres involved and the location the capacity needed to irrigate these acres. The Board also discussed the cost of using existing infrastructure, the amount paid by the original landowners, and the value of the system. Chase thought he would have the information for the Directors at the December Board Meeting.

D. The Board to consider a one-time principal payment to be made on the BBVA CVP Construction loan.

The Board discussed the amount of the one-time principal payment. They considered using reserves to make up the difference for a 20% principal payment, about \$387,000, and then repay reserves once the remainder of the reimbursement for CVP Construction is received. The consensus of the board was to wait and make the decision at the November 16th board meeting. The payment needs to be paid before the first anniversary of the closing of the loan, November 24th.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the board on the amount of water remaining and that transfer water will not be available after October 31st. The District was able to refuse a small amount of transferred water and has not pumped all of the water from the wells. Due to the recent rain, some transferred water will be lost, but the District will be able to deliver some water using the District wells and the Warren Act contract. After the water year is finished, all of the water will be recalculated and adjustments will be made for water not purchased or pumped by the District. The goal is that we lessen the costs to those who have paid for water that went unused.

F. The Board to discuss any interest in rejoining the Sites Project Authority.

The Directors are very much in favor of the project and happy for the recent success the project has incurred with federal funding. The Board gave direction to Manager Cavagnolo to express no interest in rejoining the Sites Project and to find out when the District's remaining balance will be reimbursed.

G. The Board to consider Resolution 2021-06, Resolution Commencing Alternative Assessment Procedure for Fiscal Year 2022, and setting a Public Hearing for the per-acre valuation for all District lands on November 16, 2021.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/ Pieper) to approve the Resolution 2021-06 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, J. Jones, C. Schonauer

ABSENT: None

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 3:35 PM with attorney Josh Horowitz. The Board came out of closed session at 3:50 PM.

I. Report from Closed Session.

There was no report from closed session.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS.