

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023

MINUTES

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.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
 - Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
 - Angel Stevens, Administrative Assistant.
 - Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
 - Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
 - Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- above and a quorum was determined.

AB361

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 (Pieper / Schonauer) to approve the above by the following vote;

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the December 20th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the December 20th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, C. Schonauer

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: J. Jones, J. Erickson

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for December 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/Schonauer) to approve the December Financial Report and checks#13921 thru # 13971 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, C. Schonauer

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: J. Jones, J. Erickson

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard reported on shop and field activities over the past month. Water Superintendent Drouillard reported that zero water was delivered in January to date and the water quality is muddy. The District vehicles are in good shape, 4 tires were replaced on the manager’s pick-up, and 2 on the water superintendent’s truck. Chris also reported that the District wells are recovering slowly, but are still low.

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 the he will be attending the 2023 Water User’s Conference in Reno. There will be meetings with reclamation staff. Jenny Scheer and Chase Hurley, of Water and Land Solutions will also be attending along with staff from Provost and Pritchard and Davids Engineering.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board the January TCCA Board meeting was cancelled.

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 Special Board Meeting on 01/09/2023.

- b. The Board to consider Letter of Support for Urban Drought Relief Grant.

The Board reviewed the letter of support that was included in their Board Packet. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the letter of support for the Urban Drought Relief Grant being applied for by the Glenn Groundwater Authority by the following vote:

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

- c. The Board to consider entering into an agreement with the Glenn Groundwater Authority to deliver water for a pilot recharge project.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve entering into an agreement with the Glenn Groundwater Authority if the terms and conditions are acceptable:

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

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

- a. The Board will receive an update from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project.

Jenny Scheer, representing the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the Board on the progress of the annexation.

- b. The Board to consider increasing acreage for the Orland A Farmers Group annexation.

Jenny Scheer shared maps with the Directors showing the new acres that have requested annexation. The new acres are within the current foot print of the project and have been approved by the Orland A Farmers Group. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve adding the 393+/- acres to the project by the following vote:

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

D. The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2023 water year.

- a. Update on water transfers.
- b. Update on 5-year Warren Act Contract.

The 5-year Warren Act Contract should be executed in February.

- c. Update on 2023 215 Water Contract.

The 2023 215 Water Contract should be executed in February.

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

The Directors did not go into closed session.

- F. **Report from Closed Session.**

The Directors did not go into closed session, therefore, there was no report.

ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further District business, Board President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023
MEETING OF THE BOARD**