

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Vereschagin, President
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Steve Carlos



GENERAL MANAGER

Justin Dahl

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2024

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mike Vereschagin
- Steve Carlos
- Brian Erickson
- Jim Jones
- Chuck Schonauer (Via Remote Access)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Justin Dahl, Manager
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
- Justin Rolfs, Field Tech
- Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions
- Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions
- Bill Vanderwahl, TCCA
- Leigh McDaniel, Landowner

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 1:30 PM. THE BOARD TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-07 ESTABLISHING PER-ACRE VALUATION FOR DISTRICT LANDS.

The public hearing was opened at 1:31 p.m. No members of the public were present. The public made no comments. The public hearing was closed at 1:33 p.m. It was m/s/c (Carlos/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2024-07 that based upon the proportional and relative benefits received by the lands in the District, all those lands shall be valued, for purposes of District Assessments, at \$100 per acre. The vote was as follows:

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>			

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the October 15th Board meeting were reviewed. Director Jones entered the meeting just as the Director’s started the Minutes review process. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve the October 15th 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:

Bill Vanderwahl of the TCCA, reported that on December 1st they will start de-watering sections of the canal to begin digging out the sediment and doing some winter repairs. They hope to have it back to full and operational for us by January 15th. Bill also reminded the Directors and Manager about the Water Users Conference in Reno NV and invited them to attend a dinner the TCCA is hosting on Wednesday of the conference.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for October and the check register. Manager Dahl and Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve the October Financial Report and checks #15245 through #15294 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.

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. Director Carlos asked Manager Dahl if there was a possibility of adding more brushes to the structure and Manager Dahl explained that he inquired about the same issue and was told the current motor would not be strong enough. After the update was given on the brush screen, it was the consensus of the Board to have it repaired to continue to fulfill the obligation of the grant agreement.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. The Board is to receive an update from Leigh McDaniel on his current recharge project. He is asking for up to 900 A/F of recharge water during the winter months "when it's available", a person to do well measurements during that time frame, and the results from those measurements so he can report back to the benefactor that funding the project. He did inquire, as directed by the Board at the last meeting, about receiving funding for water as well and they would not be able to provide any additional funding towards water, only infrastructure at this time. Leigh asked the Directors to at this time allow him and Justin to work together during the months when 3F water would be available starting in the winter months of the 2025 water season. Marty Bailey asked how often the monitoring of the wells would have to be done, Leigh explained that he has 3 wells in the general location that can be measured and he is asking that we measure them once a month. Director Vereschagin asked "IF" down the road there becomes a water recharge credit system through entities such as GGA etc. who would own the rights to those potential credits? Leigh didn't have a definitive answer at this time. The grant agreement didn't have anything written about compensation or returns about credits of water or water rights. Director Vereschagin said the district is interested and committed to groundwater recharge he felt that he would like legal counsel to review the grant contract and make sure OAWD is protected. Manager Dahl explained to Leigh his concern or hesitation would be still, OAWD cannot guarantee any amount of water. After the board discussion, it was decided at the direction of the Directors for Justin to work with Leigh and develop some framework of a plan to move forward.
- B. Director Jones updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he attended on 11/06/2024. Jim reported ongoing discussions about long-term transfers. Winter maintenance has begun. The Sand Creek Bridge that collapsed last winter has finally been removed and there are no plans to rebuild. Sites is still ongoing no major changes there. There was nothing to report out of the closed session. Manager Dahl and TCCA GM Vanderwahl also spoke about a contract that is done if we need to purchase water through the fallowing program. Bill was here trying to coach districts to only purchase what they think they will need. Try your best to be conservatively accurate and not overpay towards something you will not use. In 2021&2022 the most we used was 2100A/F but have been paying for the paperwork for upwards of 10k A/F. Justin felt confident to only apply

for 3,000 A/F. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Jones/Carlos) to apply for the 3,000 A/F on the Environmental Permit the vote was as follows:

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>			

- C. The Board received an update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and Ground Water Recharge Projects from Director Schonauer. The GGA did not have a meeting in November, however, there was a joint meeting between Glenn and Colusa Ground Water Authorities.
- D. The Board received an update from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project.

Jenny gave an update on filings at the Glenn County Recorder’s office. She will be turning in 30 documents on Wednesday 11/27/2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

Chase and Justin reviewed and discussed the 99W pipeline easement location and landowner discussions. Justin felt that he would like the district to have a test hole done in the gravel pit/recharge pit behind the shop to see if this is even going to be a feasible project. Chase agreed that would be a great idea and also suggested we reach out to the shed store and see if there is anyone who could talk easements with him.

Chase asked the Directors if the landowners coming in, who are paying for the 2.6 Booster Pump (since they are paying for the booster pump and more landowners are benefiting from the purchase) would be able to receive a discount on the \$400-\$450 fee for the benefit of the pump. The benefit is believed to be about an 8% cost benefit which would equal out to about \$45 an acre. So, the fee proposal/request would be the class 2 landowners would pay \$355 or \$405 an acre after it was discussed it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to discount the payment to the proposed \$355 or \$405. Director Jones commented that to keep consistent with the first proposal of fees and discounts he felt the asking amount of \$45 was fair. The vote was as follows:

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>			

- E. The Board to consider Resolution 2024-08, Resolution Approving Annual Estimate Necessary to Meet District Obligations, Approving Assessment Book, Processing a Benefit Assessment, and Setting a Hearing as a Board of Equalization for December 17th 2024 at

1:30PM. Commencing Alternative Assessment Procedure for Fiscal Year 2025, and setting a Public Hearing for the per-acre valuation for all District lands on November 26th, 2024.

It was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve. The vote was as follows:

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>			

G. The Board to review and consider new pay ranges for employee positions & employee benefit changes for 2025. After meeting with the Personnel Committee Manager Dahl presented the Board with a new pay structure and benefits package. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve benefits as presented and to create a new salary survey every 3 years.

The vote was as follows:

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>			

H. The Board received Manager Dahl and the Budget Committee's first initial budget review. After going over the draft Manager Dahl was informed that he could count the annexed lands into this upcoming year's budget. He will present the Board with a final draft budget during the December meeting.

I. Board President Vereschagin appointed Director Jones and Director Carlos to serve as the District's Negotiator(s) for negotiating any changes to the terms of the General Manager's employment agreement, including compensation and benefits.

10. **CLOSED SESSION:** The Board of Directors went into closed session at 4:15 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:45 p.m. Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens was not asked back into the office and an official report was not given. Administrative Assistant Stephens will ask for clarification of the Board during the next meeting and report the results as given.

ADJOURNMENT: Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angel Stephens

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING