

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**TUESDAY AUGUST 15, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

**Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum.**

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

Roll call was as above and a quorum was determined.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant.
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group & Water & Land Solutions.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Pieper) to approve the July 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

The minutes of the July 31<sup>st</sup> Special Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/ Schonauer) to approve the July 31<sup>st</sup> Special Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, C. Schonauer.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: J. Jones.  
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 July 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 (Jones/Schonauer) to approve the July Financial Report and checks#14251 thru # 14289 by the following vote:

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

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens gave the Water Superintendent’s report because Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard was not available. Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens reported that field staff were working at the pumping plants and in the shop. The side-sweep screen was being repaired by Lely Pump. A 21” pipe connection was repaired in the 44.1 system. 2 of the new meters were defective, McCrometer replaced the parts and the meters are in working order. 9,922 acre-feet of water was delivered in July and approximately 4,315 acre-feet has been delivered in August to date. Well Depths: DW1 is at 153.6 feet, down 15.9 feet from last month. The monitoring well is at 73.4 feet, down 16.7 feet from last month. DW2 is at 130.7 feet, down 10 feet from last month. A new pickup was ordered and should be delivered soon. Water quality is much better than last month.

**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 he found the Conflict of Interest Code process was not done in 2022. He called the Glenn County Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and was told the requests were not sent out by mistake in 2022. The clerk said that if the current code did not need updating, wait until 2024 to go through the process. The current was reviewed by District Counsel, Josh Horowitz and deemed sufficient. George Pendell, Water Master for Stony Creek & Tributaries, discussed why he thinks installing gates on the Black Butte Dam is a good idea. George explained that the gates were never installed, but if they were, the lake would hold about 200,000 acre-feet more than it does now. He would like someone or a group of people to request a study by the Corps of Engineers. Manager Cavagnolo reported the Website had 4,037 views so far this month.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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

Director Jones reported to the Board on the 08/02/2023 TCCA Board meeting.

**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 Board Meeting on 08/14/2023

**b. Report on pilot ground water recharge projects.**

Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions, reported to the Board that the GGA Recharge Project in the OUWUA in Orland is proceeding with the second irrigation.

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

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

Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions, updated the Board on the progress on the Orland A Farmers Group Annexation. Water and Lands Solutions are hoping to have the LAFCO application ready for OAWD Board approval in November.

**b. The Board to discuss and consider Orland A Farmers Group Annexation and Class II Water Supply Agreement.**

The Directors reviewed the draft agreement. After discussion, the Board had 2 comments. First, they questioned the paragraph on water transfers for annexed acres. The paragraph is not clear, are transfers from outside the District or landowner to landowner transfers. The Directors understood that transfers from other agencies must be done through the District and were not clear if CVPIA allows individual landowners to sell water. Second, do they want to decide to make a class 3 water contract for annexations after the OAFG Annexation. The consensus of the board was that if subsequent annexations were not large acreages, a class 3 water contract would not be needed and this is really a decision for a future Board to make. The Board directed Manager Cavagnolo to have District Counsel edit both paragraphs. After this is done, the document will be ready for review by the OAFG group.

**c. The Board to discuss and consider Updated OAWD Annexation Policy and Criteria.**

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

**D. The Board to discuss 2023 elections for Directors.**

**a. The Board will receive an update on the 2023 Election process.**

Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens reported to the Board the election is proceeding, ballots have been sent to the OAWD landowners. The ballots need to be returned by 08/29/2023. They will then be counted and results should be ready by 09/12/2023.

E. **The Board to discuss General Manager Search.**

Manager Cavagnolo provided the Directors with the final draft documents including a flyer, job description, and application. The Directors approved the documents and directed Manager Cavagnolo to start advertising the week of August 21<sup>st</sup> with a 2-month window.

F. **The Board to review and consider draft amended Bylaws and Resolution 2023-05, Amending District Bylaws.**

The Directors reviewed the draft bylaws and wanted clarification on several items. The Board directed Manager Cavagnolo to have District Counsel make necessary edits and bring it back to the September Board Meeting.

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

Being there was nothing new to discuss on the WIIN Act Loan Conversion litigation, the Board did not go into closed session.

H. **Report from Closed Session.**

There was no report from closed session.

**10. ADJOURNMENT.**

Being there was no further District business, Board President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE September 19, 2023  
MEETING OF THE BOARD**