

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone, or tablet.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- X Mike Vereschagin
- X Ernie Pieper
- X John Erickson (verified at 1:39p.m.)
- Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X Emil Cavagnolo, Manager
- X Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
- X Karen Osborn, Office Secretary
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- X Jeni T. Buckman, Attorney
- X Chase Hurley

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the March 23rd Special Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the March 23rd Special Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: ABSENT

Jim Jones: ABSENT

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

Director Erickson joined the meeting.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for March and the check register. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials and check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the March Financial Report and checks #12897 thru #12943 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: ABSENT

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Water Superintendent's report, which was included in the Board Packet. The report updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality.

MANAGER'S REPORT

A. 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 advised the Board the timing cover broke on Justin's 2011 Ford F150 Pickup. After Board discussion, based on its age and mileage, the Board gave direction to Manager Cavagnolo to purchase a new pickup at Corning Ford to replace Justin's pickup. The District has money in reserves for vehicle replacement.

Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board Byron Clark, principal engineer for Davids Engineering, passed away. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to donate \$200.00 to an education fund in his memory. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: ABSENT

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he participated in on 4/07/2021.

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meeting he participated in on 4/12/2021.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the and the GGA/CGA Joint TAC meeting he participated in on 4/09/21. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the next GGA/CGA Joint TAC meeting is on Friday 4/23/2021.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on current and future annexations.

Chase Hurley, of the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the Board on a future annexation.

Chase asked if the Board would be comfortable if the size for the Orland A Farmers Group annexation increased to 13,000 plus acres. Chase reviewed with the Board an updated map showing the acres to be annexed. Chase is looking for direction from the Board so that they can move forward with their annexation application. The Directors had concerns regarding the size of the annexation and competition for transferred water. There were other questions on the treatment of annexed acres compared to original acres.

After Board discussion it was the consensus of the Board to keep moving forward with the project at the projected size. Chase felt that the group would be able to submit an application at the May Board Meeting.

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

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board drought year planning for the 2021 water year. Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the transferred water we purchased through the TCCA. There was 1,771 acre-feet of expensive water, 65 acre-feet of project water, and the rest is groundwater substitution. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the price of this water is \$447.73 per acre-foot.

E. The Board to consider adoption of Resolution 2021-04, Resolution Calling District Election, to be conducted by all mailed ballots, Notice of Elective Offices to be Filled, and Requesting that the Glenn County Elections Official Conduct the Election.

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2021-04. Directors Mike Vereschagin and Chuck Schonauer are up for reelection. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2021-04, calling for a District Election, to be conducted by all mailed ballot, Notice of Elective Offices to be filled, and requesting that the Glenn County Elections Official conduct the Election. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: ABSENT
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

F. **The Board to consider providing water to the Glenn County Landfill under a Warren Act Contract.**

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board whether or not they wanted to provide water to the Glenn County Landfill. The Planning Department is requesting the water for recycling waste food to generate methane. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the District could use groundwater using a warren act contract. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board it would only be a small amount of water, about one acre-foot a month. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve providing water to the Glenn County Landfill under a Warren Act Contract. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: ABSENT
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

G. **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 3:21p.m. to discuss existing litigation resulting from the WIIN Act Loan Conversion.

H. **Report from Closed Session:**

The Board came out of closed session at 3:37p.m. There was no report from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:43p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved at the May 18, 2021 Board Meeting