

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

Justin Dahl

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**MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 18, 2024**

**DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Mike Vereschagin
- Steve Carlos
- Brian Erickson
- Jim Jones
- Chuck Schonauer

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Justin Dahl, Manager
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
- Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions
- Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions
- Bill Vanderwaal, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was taken as indicated above; it was determined there was a quorum.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the May 21st Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Schonauer) to approve the May 21st Board meeting minutes with one correction being made, Director Jones was not at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so he abstained on the approval of

the minutes for that meeting, 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 Vanderwaal introduced himself as the new General Manager of the TCCA. The Board of Directors congratulated him on his new position and thanked him for attending.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for May and the check register. Manager Dahl and Administrative Assistant Angel Stephens answered the Board's questions regarding the financials. Manager Dahl pointed out the payment for the MID water transfer. Administrative Assistant Stephens commented that we also cut the check for money from our LAIF reserve to be deposited into our Tri-Counties Bank Money Market Account. 4.7M was transferred, with an even higher interest rate than originally discussed. Manager Dahl negotiated a 4.65% interest rate instead of 4.5%. Director Jones and Director Vereschagin thanked staff for the way the budget and P&L were being presented it is a much easier format to follow. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve the May Financial Report and checks #14716 thru #14776 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>			

**The Board to Review and Consider Approval of the 2023 Financial Audit Reports.**

The Directors reviewed the 2023 Financial Audit Report. They talked about the recommendation the auditor made to update the Capital Improvement Policy from \$5k to \$25k and if we receive grant money for the annexation project, we would have to go to a single audit which our current auditor does not do. It was a recommendation of the Board to accept the changes as needed. Director Vereschagin asked about the reporting of our loan payments on page 14, he asked if the reported numbers should be the same. Manager Dahl said we would get clarification and report back at the next meeting. After discussion, it was m/s/c (Carlos/Erickson) to approve the 2023 Financial Audit Report 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. Chris reported we had a plumbing issue here in the office. It was the direction of the Board to proceed with replacing the line, with the best-priced quote we could find. Chris asked Bill Vanderwaal when the next treatment would be and he said they just ordered some more chemicals to treat the moss, and they just did the copper treatment the week prior.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Manager Dahl reviewed with the Board his Manager’s Report, which was included in the Board packet, and answered any questions the Board had. The District received the final pricing from the Bureau on 3F water, in April we charged landowners the higher rate. We will go back and adjust the previous invoices to reflect the lower rate giving the landowners the better price. Manager Dahl also asked the Board to consider going to a monthly water use billing schedule instead of collecting a 2<sup>nd</sup> installment for water. Doing this, would clean up our books and not cause a massive carry-over of water credits, as well as help our landowners/water users with their cash flow. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Carlos) to approve management's proposal to go to a monthly billing cycle.

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>			

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. The Board received an update on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities.

Director Jones updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he directed on 6/05/2024. He reported Jake Berens was the new representative for the Bureau of Reclamation, at the time of the meeting no manager was there yet. They offered the job of TCCA General Manager, and it was accepted by Bill Vanderwaal. The TCCA has been doing training on lock-outs & heat training for new staff. Bill spoke up and stated he has 4 new employees coming soon and that would bring them back up to 15 employees.

- B. The Board received an update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and Ground Water Recharge Projects. Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meetings he participated in. He reported that the fee structure passed and Landowners will have to prove if they are surface or ground water users. The rate structure fees were sent out via postal service last week. There is nothing to report on Ground Water Recharge Projects.

C. The Board received an update from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project Chase Hurley and Jenny Scheer, with WLS, asked the Board what they want or feel comfortable with the landowners who will have immediate access to water for this year, paying for O&M/Assessments/CVP. After Board discussion, it was determined that the roughly 4k acres that are coming in, when approved and have access to water will be billed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of all charges, it was m/s/c (Jones /Carlos) to approve the Orland-A Group will pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assessments & CVP charges as they can receive water. The O&M charges will start once there has been Bureau approval for everyone. 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>			

The Board discussed the request from the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians for on-site monitoring during annexation-related construction. Manager Dahl reached out to the District Counsel he expressed he had never dealt with this sort of issue and didn't have any knowledge on how to proceed. Jenny Scheer and Justin Dahl reached out to Dustin Cooper from Minassian Law. Dustin found there is nothing required by law that we have to allow that to happen. He recommended us once we receive the grant contract to read it over and make sure there were not any requirements through the funding process to do so. Chase Hurley stated we should receive paperwork on that within the next few months and could review it at that time.

Jenny has been working with the Recorder's Office to make sure all the required documents have been entered and will be recorded correctly. This is something at some point she may need help with from the District but will stay in contact with Justin to work through needing any further documents.

Review the proposal from Provost and Pritchard to proceed from 30% to the final design. Chase and Jenny discussed that the agreement to move to the final stages would be between OAWD and Provost and Pritchard, with OAWD breaking down the cost and billing the annexing landowners individually for the cost of the rest of the design fee. After discussion, it was the Board's direction to move forward with the agreement as needed.

The Board also reviewed a memorandum from Orland A Farmers group regarding the recharge basin south of the OAWD office. What WLS would like to know is would OAWD like to partner to make the 99W project a larger "oversized" pipeline to share the cost to make it larger just to the area where we would like to provide recharge water in the basin/gravel pit behind the office. The project would be upgraded to a 30" pipe instead of 18" and a cost of \$1.8M with grant funding it would cost the District \$900k. The Board thought it was all a good idea and would wait for more information before making any decision.

Before moving to the next agenda item, Angel reminded the Board and WLS that the account balance for WLS was getting a little low. After discussion with everyone Chase said he would send out another \$5k check to cover upcoming expenses.

D. Manager Dahl discussed the need to move on from H2O-PRO, we no longer have the support as the original designer has passed away and our equipment is starting to fail. He presented and reviewed the David's Engineering Quote for a new measurement program. It was m/s/c after the Board discussion (Erickson/Schonauer) to move forward and start getting this in motion, with the funds coming from Deferred Maintenance.

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>  -  </u>		<u>  X  </u>	
Chuck Schonauer:	<u>  X  </u>			

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Stephens

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE  
JULY 16TH, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD.**