

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 18, 2022**

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**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.

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President of the Board Ernie Pieper called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was taken and is indicated 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 (Jones/Schonauer) to approve the above by the following vote;

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

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were no comments from the public.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to approve the September 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

### **FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for September 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 (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve the September Financial Report and checks#13774 thru #13822 by the following vote:

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

### **WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Water Superintendent, Chris Drouillard reported on Shop and field activities over the past month. Water Superintendent Drouillard answered any questions the Board asked.

### **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.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the TCCA Board meeting on 10/05/2022

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board that the GGA Board Meeting on 10/10/2022 was cancelled.

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

Chase Hurley, representing the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the board on the progress of the annexation. The group has started the 30% designs of the system. There have been field meetings with landowners to locate facilities and pipelines. Work on the CEQA report will be starting soon. The group is working with district staff and the Glenn Groundwater Authority to apply for a grant. They will be asking for \$10,000,000. This project is a high priority for the GGA because it will be located in an area showing signs of subsidence and the drying up of ag and domestic wells.

D. **The Board to consider Resolution 2022-04, Resolution Commencing Alternative Assessment Procedure for Fiscal Year 2023, and setting a Public Hearing for the per-acre valuation for all District lands on November 15, 2022.**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2022-04. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve Resolution 2022-04 by the following vote:

AYES: J. Erickson, E. Pieper, J. Jones, C. Schonauer

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: M. Vereschagin

E. **The Board to discuss 2023 O&M budget and provide General Manager with direction.**

Manager Cavagnolo presented a draft proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year. He explained that after a very difficult year for farmers and district staff, his goal was to not increase the operations charge and to allow for salary increases that would reflect COLA's 8.7% increase. Few crops have been profitable this year, and inflation is being felt by all. Projections for the end of the year predict the district expenses will be about \$40,000 under budget, and interest earnings should be about \$40,000. The district is in good financial shape. This will allow the 2023 budget to meet the manager's goals. Manager Cavagnolo asked the board to review the proposed budget over the next month, it will be on the November agenda for more discussion.

F. **The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2022/23 water year.**

a. **District Well Water availability and rate.**

The Board gave the general manager direction to operate the wells as necessary and charge the cost of operating the wells.

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

Due to the lack of an update, the Board did not go into closed session.

H. **Report from Closed Session.**

The Board did not go into closed session and therefore there is no report.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Being there was no further District business, Vice-President Pieper adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Cavagnolo', written in a cursive style.

Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AT THE 11/15/2022 BOARD MEETING**