

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

December 21, 2021

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.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- X** Mike Vereschagin
- X** Ernie Pieper / on-line.
- X** John Erickson
- X** Jim Jones
- X** Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X** Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- X** Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- X** Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- X** Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- X** Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group.
- X** Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- X** Frank Reimann, Landowner Orland A Farmers Group.
- X** Steve Carlos, Landowner / Capay Farms.
- X** Wes Battson, Capay Farms.

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 (Erickson / Jones) to approve by the following vote:

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

Public Hearing at 1:30 Pm. President Vereschagin opened the Public Meeting at 1:35 PM. There were no comments from the public, President Vereschagin Closed the Public Meeting at 1:37 Pm. The Board reviewed Resolution 2021-09 Determining Gross Assessed Value and Fixing and Ordering Assessment. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Erickson / Schonauer) to approve by the following vote:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the November 16th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson / Pieper) to approve the November 16th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

The were no comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for November 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 / Erickson) to approve the November Financial Report and checks#13295 thru #13350 by the following vote:

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Water Superintendent Drouillard reviewed the Water Superintendent's report, and updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality.

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 Jones updated the Board on the TCCA Board Meetings he attended on 11/03/2021 and 12/01/2021. The January TCCA Board Meeting is cancelled.

B. The Board to Receive an Update on Glenn Groundwater Authority.

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 12/14/2021. The Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan was approved by the GGA Board of Directors.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the progress of confirming deeds and signatures for the Funding Agreement Exhibit A. The work is almost done, when the deeds are confirmed and the remaining \$25,000 of the deposit is paid, Board President Vereschagin will be able to sign the agreement. Chase Hurley and Jenny Scheer, Water and Lands Solutions, gave the Board a presentation on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation. They have reduced the costs of the project by looking at using existing infrastructure in places it makes sense. The final decision on how water is delivered will be made by the Board after plans are reviewed by the District's engineering firm at the annexation group's expense. Mr. Hurley asked the Board to consider a maximum of 11,965 acres for the current Exhibit A for the Funding agreement. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Erickson / Jones) to approve by the following vote:

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

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the board on the status of the remaining water which can be pumped by the District Well if needed. The final numbers for water use have not yet been given by Reclamation.

E. The Board to consider Resolution 2021-10 Ordering District Assessor to add unpaid charges to Assessments.

After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Erickson / Schonauer) to approve by the following vote:

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

F. CLOSED SESSION: (Government Code section 54954.5, subdivision (e)) Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Manager.

The Board went into Closed Session at 3:25 PM and came out of closed session at 3:45 PM.

G. Report from Closed Session.

The Board reported that the General Manager will receive a 4% increase in salary for 2022.

H. The Board to consider proposed 2022 O&M budget.

Manager Cavagnolo presented the Proposed 2022 O&M Budget to the Board and answered any questions they had. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve the Proposed 2022 O&M Budget adjusted for the General Manager's salary increase and a 4% salary increase for the remaining full-time staff by the following vote:

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

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

There were no updates on the WIIN Act Loan Conversions, the Board did not go into closed session.

J. Report from Closed Session.

The Board did not go into closed session, therefore there was no report.

1. ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved by OAWD Board of Directors at the 01/18/2022 Board Meeting.