

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

(A UNIT OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY CANALS)

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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 20, 2022

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.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant.
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Jenny Sheer, Orland A Farmers Group.

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin 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 (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the above by the following vote;

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

Public Hearing.

The Board to Consider Resolution 2022-07 Determining Gross Assessed Value and Fixing and Ordering Assessment.

Board President Vereschagin opened the Public Hearing at 1:32 PM, and due to lack of public comment closed the hearing at 1:34 PM. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2022-07 by the following vote:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the November 15th Board Meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve the November 15th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

Director John Erickson arrived at 1:40 PM. 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 (Schonauer /Pieper) to approve the November Financial Report and checks#13872 thru # 13920 by the following vote:

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water Superintendent, Chris Drouillard was in the field making a pipeline repair. Manager Cavagnolo reported on Shop and field activities over the past month. Air vents have been

drained in case of a freeze. 21 AF of water was billed in November and water quality is good. Zero water has been delivered in December.

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 12/07/2022

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Special Board Meeting on 12/19/2022.

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

Jenny Scheer, representing the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the board on the progress of the annexation. Jenny shared maps with the Directors showing the new acres that have requested annexation. The new acres are within the current foot print of the project and have been approved by the Orland A Farmers Group. The consensus of the directors was to put the request on the next agenda. Jenny also reported that the OAWD annexation share of the GGA Prop 68 Round 2 grant is \$8,000,000.

D. The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2023 water year.

Rain has not been significant and work is proceeding on the 5-year Warren Act Contract and the 215 Water contract.

E. The Board to consider Resolution 2022-08 Ordering District Assessor to Add Unpaid Charges to Assessments.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2022-08. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2022-08 by the following vote:

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

F. The Board to consider Resolution 2022-09; Approving Temporary Contract Between the United States and Orland-Artois Water District for Conveyance of Non-Project Water.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2022-09. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2022-09 by the following vote:

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

G. **The Board to discuss and consider Resolution 2022-10; Confirming Authority to Sign Contract for Temporary Water Service Between the United States and Orland-Artois Water District Providing Terms and Conditions Are Acceptable.**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2022-10. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2022-10 by the following vote:

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

H. **The Board to consider a 3-year proposal for financial audits by Robert W. Johnson, an accountancy corporation.**

The Board reviewed the 3-year proposal from Robert W. Johnson Accountancy. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve the 3-year proposal by the following vote:

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

I. **The Board to discuss and consider repayment of Social Security and Medicare tax payments for directors for the past four years.**

Manager Cavagnolo reported to the Board that the District was notified that, for Social Security and Medicare taxes, Directors should be treated as employees instead of independent contractors who receive 1099 forms each year. OAWD Directors have always been treated as independent contractors. To correct this, the District will need to make corrections back to 2019. As of 01/01/2023 Directors will receive W-2 Forms. The office staff is working on the corrections and there may be some money owed from Directors who did not pay SSI or Medicare taxes because their earnings were below the thresholds. Most of the Directors paid all of the taxes as part of their self employment taxes. For those, the District will reimburse its share of the taxes paid. The Directors were asked if the District should pay all out of pocket expenses. The consensus of the Board was for the District to pay these expenses.

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

The Directors did not go into closed session.

K. **Report from Closed Session.**

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

ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further District business, Board President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 2:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

**APPROVED AT THE JANUARY 17, 2023 BOARD MEETING BY THE OAWD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**