

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**November 16, 2021**

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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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**AGENDA**

**DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group.
- Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- Josh Horowitz, Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, phoned in for Closed Session.

**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.

**Public Hearing:**

The Board to Consider Resolution 2021-07 Establishing Per-Acre Valuation for District Lands.

Board President Vereschagin opened the Public Hearing at 1:35 PM, and due to lack of public comment closed the hearing at 1:37PM. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper / Erickson) to approve the Resolution 2021-07 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, C. Schonauer  
ABSENT: J. Jones

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the October 26<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting were reviewed. It was pointed out that on page 4 of the minutes, the words “will be accounted for should be deleted. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson / Pieper) to approve the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes, with pre-mentioned correction, by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, C. Schonauer  
ABSENT: J. Jones

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

The were no comments from the public.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for October 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 October Financial Report and checks#13254 thru #13294 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, C. Schonauer  
ABSENT: J. Jones

**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 was absent, so there was no update on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the board meeting on 11/03/2021.

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 11/08/2021 and the Drought Task Force meeting on 11/09/2021. The November CGA/GGA Joint TAC Meeting was cancelled.

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

There was not an Annexation Ad-Hoc Committee meeting. 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 updated the Board on the progress of the Orland A Farmers Group annexation. There will be a landowner meeting 12/15/2021, Chase invited 2 directors and the manager. He is working on a plan to use the current delivery system to serve part of the annexation. Chase explained this project is in the Draft GSP, which will allow the project to be eligible for State grant funding. There was a discussion on possible competition for water between original and annexed landowners. The consensus was that in short and critical years, annexed lands will be going back to pumping groundwater. If the project is successful, groundwater levels will be higher and pumping cost should be lower. This should benefit both annexed and original landowners.

**D. The Board to consider a one-time principal payment to be made on the BBVA CVP Construction loan.**

The Board discussed the amount of the one-time principal payment. They considered using reserves to make up the difference for a 20% principal payment, about \$334,000, and then repay reserves once the remainder of the reimbursement for CVP Construction is received. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson / Pieper) to use reserves to bring the principal payment to \$1,439,507 to be paid prior to November 24<sup>th</sup>.

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, C. Schonauer  
ABSENT: J. Jones

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the board on the amount of water remaining and the status of the remaining water which can be pumped by the District Well if needed.

**F. The Board to consider Resolution 2021-08, Annual Estimate to Meet District Obligations, Approving Assessment Book, Proposing a Benefit Assessment, and Setting a Public Hearing for the Per-Acre valuation for all District lands on December 21, 2021.**

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/ Erikson) to approve Resolution 2021-08 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, C. Schonauer  
ABSENT: J. Jones

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 2:40 PM and came out at 3:30 PM.

**H. Report from Closed Session.**

There was no report from closed session.

**I. The Board to consider proposed 2022 O&M budget.**

After Board Discussion the Board tabled the 2022 O&M Budget until the December meeting.

**J. 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 3:35 PM with attorney Josh Horowitz.  
The Board came out of closed session at 3:45 PM.

**K. Report from Closed Session.**

There was no action taken from closed session.

**L. CLOSED SESSION: Anticipated or significant exposure to litigation [Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)]: Related to tax refund claims and challenges to previously adopted property-related fees.**

The Board went into Closed Session at 3:48 PM with attorney Josh Horowitz.

The Board came out of closed session at 3:57 PM

**M. Report from Closed Session.**

There was no action taken from closed session

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

Approved by the OAWD Board of Directors at the December Board Meeting 12/21/2021