

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 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.

- X** Mike Vereschagin
- X** Ernie Pieper
- X** John Erickson - online
- Jim Jones
- X** Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

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 (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the above by the following vote;

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

PUBLIC Hearing:

The Board to Consider Resolution 2022-05 Establishing Per-Acre Valuation for District Lands.

Board President Vereschagin opened the Public Hearing at 1:33 PM, and due to lack of public comment closed the hearing at 1:36 PM. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve the Resolution 2022-05 by the following vote:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the October 18th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve the October 18th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

There 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 (Erickson/Pieper) to approve the October Financial Report and checks#13823 thru # 13871 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 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 11/02/2022

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 11/14/2022.

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

a. The Board will receive an update from Chase Hurley and/or Jenny Scheer, of the Orland A Farmers Group annexation.

Jenny Scheer, representing the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the board on the progress of the annexation. The group is working on the 30% designs of the system. Jenny said that the Prop 68, Round 2 grant is looking good, W&LS is working on the grant application. Jenny shared some maps of the project with the directors. Some of the survey work has been done as well as the biological survey. Easement work is moving forward.

b. The Board to consider a letter of support for the DWR Proposition 68 (Round 2) Grant Application for Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation, including the Orland-Artois Water District Annexation.

Jenny Scheer presented a draft letter of support to the board. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Schonauer) to approve the letter of support for the Prop 68, Round 2 grant by the following vote:

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

D. The Board to consider Resolution 2022-06 Annual Estimate Necessary to Meet District Obligations, approving Assessment Book, proposing a Benefit Assessment, and setting a hearing as a Board of Equalization for December 20, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2022-06. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2022-06 by the following vote:

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

E. **The Board to consider signing USBR Letter of Application for FY 2023 CVP Reserved Works Funding from the Aging Infrastructure Account.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the USBR Letter of Application. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve signing the USBR Letter of Application by the following vote:

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

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

The Board went into closed session at 2:25PM and came out of closed session at 2:40 PM.

G. **Report from Closed Session.**

Board President Vereschagin reported that the directors completed the general manager's evaluation for 2022.

H. **The Board to consider proposed 2023 O&M budget.**

The directors reviewed the proposed 2023 O&M Budget. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions they had. The proposed budget will not increase the operations charge for 2023 and allows for COLA's 8.7% increase for full time salaries. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to adopt the 2023 Budget as proposed by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further District business, Board President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE DECEMBER 20, 2022 BOARD MEETING