

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone, or tablet.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mike Vereschagin
- XErnie Pieper
- XJohn Erickson
- XJim Jones
- XChuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- XEmil Cavagnolo, Manager
- XAndrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
- XKaren Osborn, Office Secretary
- XMarty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- XBrant Smith, Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC
- XJosh Horowitz, Attorney (Joined meeting at 2:04p.m.)
- XMarcie Skelton, Glenn County Ag Commissioner.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President of the Board Ernie Pieper called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the July 21st Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Schonauer) to approve the minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: ABSENT

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were members of the public in attendance. No comments from the public were made at this time.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS & APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for July and the check register. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials and the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Schonauer) to approve the July Financial Report and checks #12500 thru 12550 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: ABSENT

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Water Superintendent's report, which was included in the Board Packet. The report 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 the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities.

Director Jones updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and meeting he participated in on 8/05/2020.

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meeting he participated in on 8/10/2020. Director Schonauer advised they are working on the sustainability plan.

Director Schonauer advised the Board, at the last Glenn County Farm Bureau meeting there was discussion about the Glenn County Supervisor's wanting to relocate the Water Resources and move it out of the Glenn County Ag Department and into the Glenn County Planning Department.

Marcie Skelton, Glenn County Ag Commissioner, updated the Board on the responsibilities and operations that the Ag Department conducts. This includes overseeing Water Resources activities. Marcie will add Manager Cavagnolo to a list to receive the monthly Ag department activity report.

After discussion, the OAWD Board of Directors are in agreement that Water Resources belongs in the Ag Department. The current operations are working well and having Water Resources in the Ag Department has been an asset to both the County and GGA activities. It was m/s/c (Jones/Schonauer) to approve sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating the District has concerns regarding this matter and is requesting that they leave Water Resources in the Ag Department. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: ABSENT

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: ABSENT (lost connection)

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

Attorney Josh Horowitz joined the meeting at 2:04p.m.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority Joint TAC meeting he participated in.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the current and future annexations. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board they are still moving forward on the current annexations but very slowly.

Chase Hurley, with Water & Land Solutions, gave a presentation to the Board on Orland "A" Farmers Annexation Proposal. Orland "A" Farmers include 7 different entities, 59 proposed parcels, and 7,667 proposed acres. Chase provided a handout of his proposal which included a detailed map and answered any questions the Board had.

Director Erickson joined the meeting again at 2:42p.m.

D. The Board to receive an update for CVP Loan Conversions.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the CVP Loan Conversion. Manager Cavagnolo advised CO Bank interest rates have currently dropped to 2.5%.

Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the Prop 218 information was sent out to the landowners on July 30, 2020. Manager Cavagnolo reported the District has not received any protests on the Prop 218 process to date. We have had people asking questions about the Prop 218 and the Loan Conversions. Tomorrow night, August 19,2020 at 6p.m.,

there is a special Board meeting conducted by teleconference. A 2020 Prop 218 Information Presentation and an OAWD Area Groundwater Presentation will be given by Manager Cavagnolo.

E. **The Board will consider renewal of the 7-year agreement for a water transfer with Maxwell Irrigation District.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the draft 7-year agreement for the purchase, sale and transfer of CVP Project Water between Maxwell Irrigation District (MID) and OAWD, which was included in the Board packet. MID did agree to increasing committed water in worst case scenario of 75% MID supply from the proposed 1,200-acre feet to 1,500-acre feet.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Schonauer) to approve the renewal of the 7-year agreement for a water transfer with Maxwell Irrigation District. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: ABSENT
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

F. **The Board to consider 5-year lease for a new office copy machine.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the proposal from Advanced Documents for a 5-year lease for a new office copy machine, which was included in the Board packet. The total cost on the new office copy machine in the proposal will be less expensive than the current one is. After Board discussion, the Board determined no Board motion was required. This was an information item only.

G. **The Board to consider a memorial donation to recognize John Vereschagin's 22 years of service to OAWD as a Director, 7 years as President of the Board.**

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve a \$250.00 memorial donation to the Glenn County Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund to recognize John Vereschagin's 22 years of service on the OAWD's Board and his 7 years as the President. The money will be redirected from the per diem account from the four directors and the Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector's per diem for today's meeting (\$50 each) and a check for \$250.00 will be issued to the Glenn County Farm Bureau's Scholarship Fund in memory of John Vereschagin. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: ABSENT
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, Vice-President Pieper adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Cavagnolo', is centered on the page.

Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved at the 9/15/2020 Board of Directors Meeting