

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone conference call.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X** Emil Cavagnolo, Manager
- X** Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
- X** Karen Osborn, Office Secretary
- X** Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- X** Brant Smith, Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the March 17th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the minutes as mailed.

Roll Call Vote

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Brant Smith, Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC, was present to give the Board a presentation on Agenda Item #D under “General Business.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for March. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to approve the March Financial Report by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS:

The Board reviewed the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to approve checks #12291 thru #12337 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard was not present but he had prepared a report, which was included in the Board packet, updating the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality. The Board suggested including the Water Superintendent’s Report in the Board packet each month.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- A. 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 the meetings he participated in on 3/31/2020 and 4/01/2020.

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meetings he participated in on 4/09/2020 and 4/13/2020.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the current annexations.

D. The Board to receive an update for WIIN Act Loan Conversion.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the WIIN ACT Conversion. Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the TCCA Manager's meeting for the refinancing of CVP loan he participated in on 03/31/2020.

Brant Smith from Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC was present by phone to give the Board a presentation, and answer any questions the Board had, on the refinancing of the District's loans with Reclamation. Brant has prepared an outline of his presentation, which was given to each Board member, etc.

After a lengthy Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to pursue the direction of a 20-year bank loan based on land assessments with the best rate available. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

E. The Board to consider accepting 2019 Audited Financial Statement.

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the District's 2019 audited Financial Statement. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the auditors recommended that he initials the bank reconciliations. They also recommended that we back up QuickBooks using Cloud. Director Pieper suggested also checking into Google Docs which is used to backup businesses. The Board suggested Manager Cavagnolo check into both Cloud and Google Docs but to wait until we are finished working on our other projects. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Jones) to accept the 2019 Audited Financial Statement. The vote was as follows vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

F. **Drought Planning for Water Year 2020.**

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board drought planning for Water Year 2020 which included Water Needs Assessment, Landowner Outreach, Water Purchases, TCCA Planning, Deep Well Operations, Warren Act Transfers & Charges, Water Application Deadline and Water Purchase Commitments.

G. **The Board to consider Resolution 2020-04; to give the Board President and General Manager authority to negotiate and to execute contracts and agreements to procure project water from other water districts and settlement contractors.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2020-04, which was included in the Board Packet. The Board requested to amend the Resolution and add a sunset clause to indicate any contracts and/or agreements are for only the 2020 water year. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve amended Resolution 2020-04 giving the Board President and General Manager the authority to negotiate and execute contracts and agreements for water year 2020 to procure project water from other water districts and settlement contractors. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved at the 05/19/2020 Board of Directors Meeting