

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

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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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**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 Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- X Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- X Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- X Jennifer Buckman, on the phone 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 and a quorum was determined.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed. Treasure, Marty Bailey pointed out that he was absent from the January meeting and he was marked present. Director Jones

noted a spelling error. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Pieper) to approve the January 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes with the mentioned corrections, by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were no comments from the public.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for January 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 (Pieper / Jones) to approve the January Financial Report and checks#13397 thru #13439 by the following vote:

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

**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 Schonauer updated the Board on TCCA activities and the meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 02/14/2022

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

The Board received an update from Jenny Scheer, Water and Land Solutions, on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project. The hydraulic analysis for using existing infrastructure is proceeding, focus is on the 35.2 system. The hydraulic analysis should be complete in 60 to 90 days. The Orland A Farmers Group Funding agreement was executed with 11,403 acres.

D. **The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2022 water year.**

- a. The Board to discuss and consider Resolution 2022-01; 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 2022-01. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Pieper) to approve Resolution 2022-01 by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**b. The Board to discuss and consider Resolution 2022-02; Approving One-Year Water Transfer from Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District.**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2022-02. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Pieper) to approve Resolution 2022-02 by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**c. TC Transfers and Documents.**

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the TCCA NEPA/CEQA document.

**d. Review Warren Act Water.**

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the use of Warren Act Water. Three new landowner wells will be tested for water quality, the District wells are up to date and currently operating along with several landowner wells.

**e. The Board to consider water rates for 2022 water year.**

The only water available for irrigation to start the season is District Well Water. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer / Jones) to approve a water rate for well water of \$150 per acre-foot, and to make it available to water users on a per-acre basis, to be paid for in advance by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**f. The Board to review the 2022 Water Application process and adjust as necessary.**

The consensus of the Board was to offer the available water to water users who submit an application, if any water is left unsold, the remaining water would be offered in following allocations until it is all sold. Water will be paid for in advance.

**E. The Board to consider updating the District's Rules and Regulations.**

The Board reviewed the District's Rules and Regulations. The Board considered charging a \$500 per acre-foot penalty for unauthorized use of water plus the cost of the water. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer / Pieper) to approve the District Rules and Regulations to include the \$500 per acre-foot penalty plus the cost of the water language by the following vote:

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

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

The Board convened in closed session at 3:10 PM with attorney Jennifer Buckman on the phone. The Board came out of closed session at 3:15 PM.

G. **Report from Closed Session.**

There was no action taken and therefore no report from closed session.

1. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Being there was no further District business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

**Approved by OAWD Board of Directors at the 03/15/2022 Board Meeting.**