

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

PRESENT: Mike Vereschagin, Ernie Pieper, John Erickson, Chuck Schonauer

ABSENT: Jim Jones

OTHERS: Emil Cavagnolo, Manager
Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
Karen Osborn, Office Secretary
Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector

**PUBLIC HEARING AT 1:30 P.M. THE BOARD TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-09
ESTABLISHING PER-ACRE VALUATION FOR DISTRICT LANDS.**

The public hearing was opened at 1:30p.m. No members of the public were present. The public hearing was closed. It was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve Resolution 2019-09 that based upon the proportional and relative benefits received by the lands in the District, all those lands shall be valued, for purposes of District Assessments, at \$100 per acre. The vote was as follows:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the October 15th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Schonauer) to approve the minutes as mailed. The vote was as follows:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public was present to address the Board.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

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

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS:

The Board reviewed the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve checks #12038 thru #12081 by the following vote:

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. **Operations Report**

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard updated the Board on District operations. Chris advised the Board Phil from Pace fixed the SCADA Pack problem at 38.6. Justin and Chris worked on fixing other problems at 38.6. Chris informed the Board everything at 38.6 is now working. Justin has been cutting up some trees around the office that blew down in recent storms.

B. **Water Usage**

Chris stated 2,679 acre-feet of water was billed for the month of October. So far this month we have delivered approximately 1,008 acre-feet of water.

C. **Well Operations & Depths**

Chris reported that Deep Well #1 is at 121.6 feet, Deep Well #2 is at 113 feet, and the monitoring well is at 49 feet. Chris reported Deep Well #1 is up 3.4 feet, Deep Well #2 is

up 2 feet from the previous month's Board meeting report. The Monitoring Well is still at 49 feet.

D. Update on District Vehicles

Chris updated the Board on the District vehicles. Chris advised the Board all of the District vehicles are good right now.

E. Update on Water Quality

Chris informed the Board the water in the canal has been clean this 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.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he attended in Willows on 11/06/19. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the T-C is looking into different ways to improve the condition of the canal (screening, pre-filtering, etc.).

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and the Board meeting he attended on 11/12/19. Director Schonauer also updated the Board on the GGA Westside AD Hoc Committee meeting he attended on 10/21/19 and the GGA Joint Board meeting at the Sites Office in Maxwell on 10/30/19.

C. The Board to receive an update for CVP Construction Loan Conversion.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the CVP Construction Loan Conversion and the WIIN Act Loan Conversion Negotiation meetings he has attended. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board they are still waiting for the final draft. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board Paul Violich contacted him regarding bond sales. Paul advised Emil interest free bonds may provide the District with benefits that conventional loans do not. Paul will provide Emil with some more information on the tax free bonds. Paul is also interested in annexing land into our District if the District can get out from under the RRA rules.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the current annexations. Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the Notice of Exemption for the Cal Worthington

Trust Annexation Proposal that was included in the Board packet. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Cal Worthington Trust annexation. The vote was as follows:

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

E. **The Board to consider Resolution 2019-10, 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 17, 2019 at 1:30P.M.**

It was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2019-10, approving the annual estimate necessary to meet District obligations (\$576,625.12); approving Assessment Book, proposing a Benefit Assessment (\$19.94 per \$100 of assessed value), and setting a hearing as a Board of Equalization for December 17, 2019 at 1:30p.m. The vote was as follows:

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

F. **The Board to consider a new contract for Tower rental to Succeed Inc.**

Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board our current internet service with AT&T (DSL) is very slow and unreliable. Manager Cavagnolo researched other internet providers. The company he felt was the best for the District is Succeed.net which is the company that currently rents our tower. Under the new contract Succeed would provide us with internet service in lieu of paying us rent for using the tower. The Board reviewed the new lease agreement with Succeed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve the new contract with Succeed which would provide the District with internet service in lieu of paying rent for using the tower. The vote was as follows:

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

G. **The Board to consider changing health insurance provider to Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA).**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the health insurance comparisons he prepared for ACWA-JPIA and GSRMA, which included four options. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve Option #3 through GSRMA. Option #3 included raising the District cap for the Administrative Assistant, Office Secretary, and Field Maintenance positions from \$791 to \$1,000. The manager's cap remained at \$1,200 and the Water Superintendent's cap will remain at \$1,000. If an employee chooses not to participate in District health plans, they will receive a \$400 opt-

out payment per month. The above motion was amended to also include withdrawing from ACWA-JPIA. The vote was as follows:

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

H. **CLOSED SESSION: (Government Code section 54954.5, subdivision (e))
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: District Employees
and General Manager.**

It was m/s/c (Pieper/Erickson) to table this agenda item for discussion until the December Board meeting. The vote was as follows:

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

I. **The Board to discuss Fiscal Year 2018 O&M Surplus.**

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Fiscal year 2018 O&M Surplus and advised the Board the Bureau is still working on it. Manager Cavagnolo informed the Board he will be attending a meeting on Thursday and is hoping he will have more information by the next Board meeting.


J. **The Board to discuss 2020 Budget and provide the General Manager with Direction.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board a draft copy of OAWD's proposed Budget for 2020 he had prepared and answered questions. The Board suggested some changes/adjustments be made to the proposed 2020 Budget. Manager Cavagnolo will adjust the items discussed and present the revised 2020 Budget to the Board at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager