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

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2023**

**MINUTES**

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

**Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum.**

Roll call was as above and a quorum was determined.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- X   Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- X   Angel Stevens, Administrative Assistant.
- X   Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- X   Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- X   Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- X   Lisa Hunter, Glenn Groundwater Authority.
- X   Josh Horowitz, District Counsel.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting were reviewed. Director Pieper asked to add that the district would be reimbursed for the existing infrastructure fee study by the OAFG. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson / Pieper) to approve the February 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting minutes with the additional language by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, C. Schonauer, J. Erickson  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 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 February 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 / Erickson) to approve the February Financial Report and checks#14016 thru # 14054 by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: J. Jones

## **WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard reported on shop and field activities over the past month. The District vehicles are in good shape Chris also reported that the District wells are recovering slowly, but are still low. The field tech Justin Rolfs has been monitoring the VanTol recharge site. Electrical Repairs have been made at plants 38.6 and 44.1.

## **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. Manager Cavagnolo reminded the Directors that Forms 700 are due April 1<sup>st</sup> and to complete anti-harassment and ethics training, if needed, as soon as possible. Manager Cavagnolo reported latest Shasta Lake levels, precipitation, and inflow numbers.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **A. The Board to receive an update on Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities.**

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the March TCCA Board meeting held on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

#### **a. Report on GGA Board Meeting.**

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 03/13/2023. Director Schonauer reported that the GGA ad-hoc recharge committee is close to an agreement with OAWD to support the VanTol recharge pilot project. Manager Cavagnolo reported to the Board that a draft agreement has been sent to District Counsel, Josh Horowitz, for his review.

Director Schonauer reported that the GGA has had 2 public meetings to receive public comment on long term funding. The Orland meeting was poorly attended, but the Willows meeting was better. The third and final meeting will be held in Bayliss this evening.

Jenny Scheer, of Water & Land Solutions reported that the Glenn Groundwater Authority paid for a drone to be flown over the VanTol recharge site to take aerial photographs of the project. Jenny told the Board the pictures were very helpful to the operation of the project.

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

#### **a. The Board will receive an update from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project.**

Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions, updated the Board on the progress on the Orland A Farmers Group Annexation. Jenny reported that they will be having a OAFG landowner meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Orland Farm Bureau office. They plan to present the 30% designs, internal easement agreement, costs for annexed lands using existing infrastructure, and a cover policy for new pipelines ready to present to the landowner group at the meeting.

Jenny reported to the Board that there have been two conference calls with Water & Land Solutions, Manager Cavagnolo, and District Counsel to discuss an internal easement agreement. District Counsel reported to the Board that he is working on the agreement and it should be ready for the April Board Meeting.

**D. The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2023 water year.**

a. Update on water transfers.

PCGID – 3,500 AF. MID – 4,500 AF + 1,500 AF optional and 1,500 AF in a Shasta Critical year. Baber – 2,000 AF+/- . Manager Cavagnolo reported that he has been discussing transfers with Kirkwood Water District and Clear Creek Community Services District.

b. Update on 5-year Warren Act Contract.

Waiting for executed agreement.

c. The Directors to set 2023 Water Rates.

Manager Cavagnolo reported that with the water reserves in very good shape his recommendation was to charge a blended rate of contract and transferred water based on the actual cost of water without adding anything for O&M deficit. After Board discussion, the consensus of the board was set a blended rate of contract and transferred water based on the actual cost of water without adding anything for O&M deficit for both Irrigation and M&I Water.

d. The Directors to discuss and consider the use of the District wells in 2023.

The consensus of the Directors was to avoid using the district wells in 2023.

**E. The Directors will receive an update on 2023 Recharge Projects.**

Manager Cavagnolo reported that the VanTol Recharge Site has been working well. A total of 330 acre-feet of Section 215 water has been delivered. 166 acre-feet in the Vereschagin Drain and 164 acre-feet on the VanTol pasture. Manager Cavagnolo asked the board to expand the project to other sites in the District even if there is a lack of monitoring. Manager Cavagnolo said that with the loss of so many domestic and ag wells in the District, recharge is sure to help those who live in the District area

Director Erickson proposed to expand the project with the District paying the cost of the 215 water and any connection costs not to exceed \$50,000.00. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Erickson / Pieper) to expand the recharge project District wide. The District will pay connection and Section 215 water costs not to exceed \$50,000.00 or until Section 215 water is no longer available by the following vote.

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: J. Jones

F. **The Board to discuss 2023 elections for directors.**

Manager Cavagnolo told the Board that three Directors will be up for election in 2023. Directors Pieper, Erickson, and Jones are in the fourth year of their four-year terms. Manager Cavagnolo said that the Election Resolution will be presented at the April Board meeting to start the election process. Also, the election will be explained in a newsletter which will be sent to the landowners.

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

Being there was not anything new to discuss on the WIIN Act Loan Conversion litigation, the Board did not go into closed session.

H. **Report from Closed Session.**

There was no report from closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Being there was no further District business, Board President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE APRIL 18, 2023  
MEETING OF THE BOARD**