Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
March 10, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District met this day in regular session at the District office located at 22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Gisler, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Chambers

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary
Allan Lombardi
Clifton Lollar, Homer LLC
Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Trelawney Bullis, Sun Pacific
Bill Wallace
Jace Vanderham

AGENDA – No changes or additions were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there was any public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Adjourned Meeting held February 18, 2020 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

Manager Geivet answered Board questions regarding a Vollmer Excavation Inc. invoice for multiple winter leak repairs as well as the legal counsel bill on a pending lawsuit noting that we are in the document gathering stage.

M/S/U Witzel, Gisler to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented.

Bill Wallace entered the Board room at 9:08 a.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS – Financial Reports: Treasurer Griswold-Bratcher reviewed with the Board the January 2020 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. She noted that these reports are considered preliminary pending any additional year-end entries made as a result of the upcoming audit. Also included in the meeting packet is the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) statement for January 2020 reflecting interest earned in the 4th Quarter 2019 of $11,280.14.

> M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to accept the preliminary financial reports as presented and to place the reports on file.

Administration Report: The Manager directed the Board's attention to a letter from ACWA JPIA, the District's insurance authority, regarding annual liability, property, and workers' compensation risk assessment.

Also included in the meeting packet was a letter from the County of Tulare reminding the District and Directors of the annual requirements for Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests forms that are due by before April 1st.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet directed attention to the Spring well measurements obtained by District staff noting that the average depth was around 65 feet.

The Manager shared that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) released an initial Class 1 allocation at 20% which results in about three thousand acre-ft for this district. He also discussed the small amount of Tule River water available through District managed Ditch Company entitlements recorded so far this year. Discussion was held on possible ways to deliver, allocate or recharge for Shareholders should hydrological conditions remain dry.

Allan Lombardi entered the Board room at 9:21 a.m.

Discussion continued on Tule River water supplies noting that the District is obligated to provide to the Shareholders up to the agreement amount of water the Tule River produces.

Mr. Geivet then broached the topic of a potential allocation of surface water being warranted should conditions remain dry. After some discussion, it was tabled for the Ad Hoc Committee who would then make recommendations at the next Board meeting.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Manager Geivet reviewed with the Board and guests some of the current Friant Water Authority (FWA) issues including the subsidence fix, funding and the politics surrounding. During the discussion, another point was brought up that when the subsidence issue is fixed, some of the pumping facilities will likely need to be redesigned. Discussion then moved on to current issues with General member and O&M member topics.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Manager Geivet stated that in the most recent Stakeholder meeting packet, there was included a cheat sheet on how ETGSA plans to manage the groundwater. He noted this was just a draft that the ETGSA Board approved to go through the committee process.

Future Planning: Mr. Geivet stated that there are two projects keyed up, ready and waiting for grant fund opportunities.

PIPELINE REPLACEMENT – Consider accepting a proposal to replace 1,500 feet of pipeline in the P1 service area

Discussion was held on the proposal included in the meeting packet. The Board asked the Manager to obtain more information. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

GROUNDWATER BANK TRANSFER – Review and consider a process for approving Groundwater Bank transfer requests

The Manager brought to the Board's attention a draft request for in-ground transfer of banked water that was included in the meeting packet. He asked for guidance on how the Board would like to see this process is handled for future requests. The Board directed the Manager to bring all future request before the Board for their consideration.

GROUNDWATER BANK TRANSFER – Review and consider approving Groundwater Bank transfer request from Homer LLC

After the discussion above, Mr. Geivet then asked the Board to consider approving the transfer included in the meeting packet.

> M/S/U, McCowan, Gisler to approve that all future transfer requests be considered by the Board; and to approve a Request for In-Ground Transfer of 1,000 acre-feet of Banked Water from Homer, LLC to Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID).

GRIFFITH FARMS – Discuss extending the term on the Griffith Farms lease agreement and the potential to re-negotiate the rent

Manager Geivet stated that a recent meeting had to be rescheduled but a date has not yet been set.

SUCCESS RESERVOIR ENLARGEMENT – Review Project Cash Flow and discuss the future of the project

The Manager shared that the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project costs have increased to the one hundred thirty-nine million dollar range with talk of local supplemental funding but has not yet been made public. He also reminded attendants that this District chose not to be included in the expansion, however since we are already involved with initial storage needs, we are also subject to some of the costs that relate to flood control costs included with expansion.

All guests departed the Board room at 11:28 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 11:29 a.m. The Board adjourned from closed session at 11:45 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America*, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L

No action taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (2 Cases)

No action taken.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 (RELATING TO ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA)

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT –President Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

JGBratcher

Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary