



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
May 11, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District met this day in regular session in Porterville, California. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 and social distancing directives, the meeting was conducted by teleconference only, with no physical location for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Gisler, Chambers, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary
Numerous guests via Zoom and One tap mobile

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 Regular Meeting held April 13, 2021 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

Director Gisler inquired about the Ramirez item to replace a lost check. The Treasurer reported that we issued an Assessment overpayment refund some time back and the customer had not yet cashed it and is assumed lost. This check replaces that check.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS – Financial Reports: The Treasurer included in the Board meeting packet the March 2021 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. It was noted that these reports are considered preliminary pending any additional year-end entries made as a result of the upcoming 2020 audit.

The BNY Mellon bank statement as of March 31, 2021 was also included as a quarterly update. Due to refinancing last November, the accounts are now closed. A copy of the closing reimbursement of \$11.70 was also provided in the packet.

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

Administration Report: Included in the meeting packet for the Directors' consideration was a recent letter from Sun Pacific requesting consideration and guidance to transfer some banked water from PID to Ivanhoe Irrigation District (IID). The Manager was asked to obtain more information about Sun Pacific's pumping plan to review at the next meeting. The Board also hopes to know more about the 2021 water supply before making any final decisions about how to facilitate such a request.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet shared that the District's managed ditch companies entitlement total is in the neighborhood of 2,500 acre-ft in the Lake Success Reservoir. He also noted that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) should release an update any day now on the 2021 water supply. The initial Friant Class 1 allocation is 20%, but since that time, the snowpack, runoff and precipitation have all fallen quite short of initial predictions. There are a lot of unknowns yet to make any decisions for PID. With that said, water rates, season and supply will again be tabled to a future meeting.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Mr. Geivet shared some details about the canal fix progress as well as funding option still in the works. Otherwise, nothing new to report at this time.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): President Borba reviewed some details found on grower invoices that were mailed recently as well as noted they are hosting a Public Workshop on June 8th at the Porterville Fairgrounds from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Workshop will include a presentation to assist affected landowners with understanding the purpose of this new organization as well as familiarize participants with the online BasinSafe water accounting program.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: The Manager noted that Phase 1 is complete and that bids are out now for Phase 2.

Future Planning: Nothing new to report.

TRUCK PURCHASE – Consider ratifying the purchase of two new work trucks

The Manager updated the Board on the status of the District's vehicles. He noted that after some fairly intense searching, Monarch Ford staff were able to locate two Ford F150 work trucks. Manager Geivet shared that due to current conditions, trucks, especially work trucks that would suit District needs best, are rather scarce. In light of this, he directed staff to secure their purchase. Monarch Ford also facilitated District participation in a buyback program for the 2005 and 2007 Ford Rangers. The 1990 Ranger was not

eligible for this program so District staff will proceed with the regular surplus process as approved at last month's meeting.

M/S/U, McCowan, Chambers to ratify the purchase of two new Ford F150 work trucks from Monarch Ford totaling \$64,338.05.

The Manager noted that we do not need to adjourn into closed session.

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 reportable action taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9] (1 Case)

No reportable action taken.

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

No reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT –President Borba adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary