



Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors July 14, 2020

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 9:02 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
Ann Erickson, District Staff
Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Tom O'Sullivan
Terry Schuler
Dave Dorrance, Homer LLC
Trelawney Bullis, Sun Pacific
Bill Wallace

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 June 9, 2020 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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

MONTHLY REPORTS – Financial Reports: Treasurer Griswold-Bratcher reviewed with the Board the May 2020 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period.

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

Administration Report: Manager Geivet brought to the Board's attention Enclosure #5.B. titled Schedule for Private Placement Refinancing of 2011 COPs (Certificates of Participation). He noted there are plenty of savings to be had. He also stated that we are in better financial position due to the recent 218 election to improve our interest rate.

Operations/Water Report: The Manager informed the Board that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) Class 1 allocation has been increased to 65% which results in nine thousand seven hundred fifty acre-ft for this district. He stated that we will try to run Tule River water as much as possible while we can to extend the canal water and our season. We may look at running the Poplar system beyond Lower Tule River Irrigation District's (LTRID) 30 day run if practical.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Nothing new to report.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Nothing new to report.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: Nothing new to report.

Future Planning: Nothing new to report.

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

This item was tabled and will be revisited next month.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE – Consider updating the PID Conflict of Interest Code

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors notified us that it is time for the Biennial review of our Conflict of Interest Code. They are requesting that we respond by October 2020. The Manager noted that he will consult with our legal counsel before presenting anything to this Board for approval at an upcoming meeting.

All guests departed the online Board Zoom meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 and 54957, the Board adjourned into closed session at 9:57 a.m. District legal counsel Alan Doud joined the online Board Zoom meeting at 10:00 a.m. He departed the online Board Zoom meeting at 10:41 a.m. The Board adjourned from closed session at 11:06 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.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS – Closed Session, Government Code Section 54957, Personnel. Discussion on the Employees' performance and compensation

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Manager's recommendation to grant each employee one step increase plus a 2.4% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase based on the COLA base switched from October to May in 2020; retroactive to July 1, 2020.

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 11:07 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary