



Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors August 11, 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 9:01 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Chambers, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Gisler

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary
Ann Erickson, District Staff
Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Steve Etchegaray
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 Witzel, McCowan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held July 14, 2020 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Witzel, McCowan 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 June 2020 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. Also included in the meeting packet is the BNY Mellon bank statement as of June 30, 2020 as a quarterly update.

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

Administration Report: Nothing new to report.

Operations/Water Report: The Manager reminded the Board that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) Class 1 allocation remains at 65%. He reviewed Lower Tule River Irrigation District's (LTRID) 30 day limited run and stated that we plan to continue running Tule River water beyond their run in both Poplar East and Wood Central as long as our supply can support to do so. Initial predictions put that through August. He also noted that we intend to keep PID's Tule River water in PID and that running without LTRID will allow PID to maximize the loss water during that window.

Mr. Geivet also shared initial response data for the recent voluntary groundwater recharge credit allocation. After some discussion, it was requested that District staff prepare a second notice to be sent to all landowners that did not yet respond to the first letter in an effort to make sure they were received prior to reallocating to the list of landowners that indicated they would purchase additional credits should they become available.

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

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Manager Geivet noted that the Rules and Regulations for ETGSA were recently approved allowing the Board to move forward on some tasks that were held up by that step.

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

Future Planning: Mr. Geivet noted there are currently two projects on the radar, that status of both being in the landowners' court.

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.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR – Consider engaging a Municipal Advisor, Fieldman, Rolapp, & Associates

The Manager reviewed with the Board a proposal from Fieldman, Rolapp, & Associates to provide financial advice through the bond refinancing process.

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers to accept the proposal for Financial Advisory Services from Fieldman, Rolapp, & Associates.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – Consider setting a date and time for the Board of Equalization meeting

M/S/U Witzel, Chambers to set the Board of Equalization meeting for September 8, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m.

All guests departed the online Board Zoom meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 and 54957, the Board adjourned into closed session at 10:20 a.m. District legal counsel Brett Stroud joined the online Board Zoom meeting at 10:30 a.m. He departed the online Board Zoom meeting at 10:46 a.m. The Board adjourned from closed session at 10:47 a.m.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS – Closed Session, Government Code Section 54957, Personnel. Discussion on the Manager’s performance and compensation

No action taken.

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 – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)] – Chavez v. Porterville Irrigation District (Tulare Case No. VCU-281111)

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 10:48 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary