



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors  
January 8, 2019**

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 9:00 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  
Doug DeFlicht, Friant Water Authority  
Michael Knight, City of Porterville  
Dave Dorrance, Sun World International  
Bryce McAteer, Eastern Tule GSA  
Kathy Briano  
Bill Wallace  
Bill Samarin

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

Dave Dorrance entered the Board room at 9:03 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – President Borba asked if there was any public comment. There was none at this time.

Bryce McAteer and Michael Knight entered the Board room at 9:05 and 9:08 a.m. respectively.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

M/S/U Witzel, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held December 11, 2018 as presented.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

Director Chambers asked for details of the Vollmer P1 Pipeline invoice included on the list of bills to pay. Manager Geivet reviewed the materials to satisfy the inquiry.

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers 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 November 2018 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. BNY Mellon bank statement as of November 30, 2018 was also included in the meeting packet.

Manager Geivet noted that there is still some of this season's water that has not yet been billed, including water transferred to Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) that was received earlier this month as well as some unbilled recharge water. He also reminded the Board and guests that the auditor recalculated the District's pension related accounts for more accurate projections.

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

**Administration Report:** Nothing new to report.

**Operations/Water Report:** Manager Geivet distributed and reviewed the water schedule with the Board and guests noting the last batch of recharge water being run this month pretty much wraps up the 2018-19 water year. We are now looking forward to the 2019-20 water year. Recent storms, resulting in good snowpack in our watershed as well as decent local rainfall, with more in the forecast, offer an encouraging outlook for the upcoming water year.

Mr. Geivet stated that progress continues on the banking agreements noting that the attorneys are in agreement and just need some finishing touches before finalizing. The Ad-Hoc Committee has plans to meet next week to finish up the Allocation Policy. The Manager noted that an update of the District Rules and Regulations may be suggested in the future to incorporate all of these new policies in an effort of making one document to cover all thereby making responses to public inquiries easier. He also talked about another common request in public inquiries being District by-laws. He shared that by-laws for irrigation districts are basically from the water code for irrigation districts. That said, creating and adopting by-laws for PID based upon that code would not be difficult.

**Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA:** The Manager introduced Friant Water Authority's COO Doug DeFlitch as our guest this morning. Mr. DeFlitch talked about some of the recent challenges facing Friant Kern Canal (FKC) customers as well as some of the potential solutions. There was extensive discussion on water quality issues faced with pump back and banking projects. He also touched on subsidence issues and the monitoring and solutions being considered.

**Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA):** Mr. Geivet handed the meeting over to ETGSA Executive Director, Bryce G McAteer. Mr. McAteer brought the Board and guests up to date on recent ETGSA meeting discussions and focus of the agency. He touched again this month on the current project for subsidence analysis. He

noted plans to analyze wells (distance and depth) around the canal from the Tule River to White River and within 5 (five) miles on either side.

The Manager also brought up a key point that the subsidence issue is predominantly an ETGSA problem. If we are going to fund the fix, we are also going to need to remedy the cause.

Bill Samarin entered the Board room at 10:11 a.m.

The discussion on subsidence continued... Mr. Geivet shared an example stating that initial indications reflect there are some landowners outside of any district boundaries that are pumping from the depths that directly affect subsidence. It will take the entire basin working together to help resolve and protect from future subsidence.

**Pipeline Project:** The Manager updated the Board that the contractor and engineer are cleaning up and noted we should expect to see some final payment requests and reports soon.

**Future Planning:** Manager Geivet noted no change from last month's report that the Ad-Hoc committee will start on a list of ideas as soon as the Allocation and Banking policies are finalized.

### **2019 BUDGET – Review and consider adopting the draft 2019 Budget**

Manager Geivet reminded the Board that this item is annually on the agenda to satisfy our 9d contract terms with Bank of New York. They essentially want a statement or some sort of assurance of our ability to make our annual bond principal payments. Since passing of the recent 218 Election, we are going to share the proposed budget from the engineer's report that includes that line item as part of the voter approved budget of costs that are covered by the land-based supplemental assessment in hopes that it will satisfy this requirement.

### **VALLEY AG WATER COALITION – Consider paying 2019 dues contribution of \$1,014.00.**

Mr. Geivet recommended that the Board consider continuing membership in this organization that has been very involved protecting the interests of farm water providers in the State Capitol. The Manager stated in the past, the District has shared the cost of the dues with Terra Bella Irrigation District (TBID) and Saucelito Irrigation District (SID). PID will pay the bill, and will bill each of the other Districts for 1/3 of the cost.

M/S/U, McCowan, Chambers to authorize dues payment of \$1,014.00 to continue membership in the Valley Ag Water Coalition, with TBID and SID each to be billed 1/3 of the costs.

**PID FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING – Consider changing the February PID Board Meeting date on account of the conflict with the Farm Show (World Ag Expo) schedule**

Manager Geivet reminded the Board that the annual World Ag Expo (aka Farm Show) will be held February 12 – 14, 2019 in Tulare. Discussion was then held regarding the regular February Board meeting scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> and the Board concurred the Board meeting date should be changed to later in the week following the meeting so that guests that may show up on the regular scheduled day will have the opportunity to attend the adjourned meeting.

M/S/U Chambers, McCowan to change the February PID Board meeting date from Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, February 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be conducted as an adjourned meeting since it will be held after to the regular meeting date.

Manager Geivet 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 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 10:27 a.m.



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Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary