



February 12, 2019 – February 14, 2019

The Porterville Irrigation District Board of Directors did not meet these days in regular session due to lack of a quorum.

**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
February 15, 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, Gisler, Chambers, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary
Alan Becker, Sun World International
David DePaoli
Michael DePaoli
Bill Wallace
Terry Schuler
Tom Barcellos
Bill Morgan
Kathy Briano
Tim Allan

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Chambers, McCowan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held January 8, 2019 as presented.

Bill Morgan entered the Board room at 9:03 a.m.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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

Kathy Briano entered the Board room at 9:05 a.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS – Financial Reports: Treasurer Griswold-Bratcher reviewed with the Board the December 2018 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. BNY Mellon bank statement as of December 31, 2018 was also included in the meeting packet.

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

Tim Allan entered the Board room at 9:08.

Administration Report: Nothing new to report.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet directed attention to several water schedules included with the Board meeting packet. He noted that we will see a new format for this monthly water schedule for 2019-20. He also announced that the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) made 10% Class 2 pre-use for 2019-20 water year available to be used by the end of February. Earlier in the week, we sent an email out to District customers alerting them to the availability of this water at a price of \$40.00 per acre-ft, but due to a healthy response, it was suggested that we send another email putting a deadline on the orders so that we can prepare an official allocation based upon the acres of those that ordered. He stated that water is available to all ditches in the system except P1 (until further notice). He also stated that we have already started water in the Porter Slough from the canal as a means to recharge for customers that may not have their own facilities.

Mr. Geivet then brought the Board and guests up to date on P1/Porter Ditch issues causing the shutdown mentioned earlier. He stated that we intend to follow through with leak repairs and will not start up until complete. He noted that customers affected by the numerous leaks are growing impatient. Last season, customers on that side insisted that we continue running late in the season during our normal maintenance window which prevented the necessary repairs prior to the start of the next season. The Manager also noted that he gave District staff the directive to have Vollmer Excavation Inc. see if they can patch or obtain a quote if replacement is the best option.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: The Manager reminded that he has little to report on Friant Water Authority (FWA) as he forwards weekly CEO reports to the Board via email. One of the main topics is subsidence issues and financing the fix. Estimates look to be in the \$30-50 per acre-ft range.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Mr. Geivet stated that subsidence is the topic driving both FWA and ETGSA right now.

Pipeline Project: Nothing new to report.

Future Planning: Nothing new to report.

2019 BUDGET – Review and consider adopting the draft 2019 Budget and Water Rates and Policy

Manager Geivet presented a draft budget showing a \$300,000+/- deficit. He provided a few scenarios to drive water rates discussion for this season including keeping all of the water in the District or selling some outside the District in an effort to balance the budget. He put it to the Board to discuss their goals for this season that will help define which rate path we should follow. Also included in the meeting packet was the updated worksheet that determines Sharewater prices each year showing the 2019 price calculates to \$21.53/acre-ft. After much discussion, the Board acted.

M/S/U Chambers, Witzel to adopt the annual 2019 budget as presented; and to set the 2019 water rate at \$55.00/acre-ft for both irrigation and recharge water; and the 2019 Sharewater water rate at \$21.53/acre-ft; and only to accounts in good standing and Assessments current prior to ordering this water.

(A copy of the 2019 Budget as adopted is incorporated by reference in these minutes and is on file in the offices of the District).

Tim Allan departed the Board room at 09:48.

TEMPORARY 215 WATER SERVICE CONTRACT – Review and consider executing 2019 215 Water Service Contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)

Upon motion by Director Gisler, seconded by Director Chambers, the following Resolution was passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02-01

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A TEMPORARY 215 WATER SERVICE BETWEEN U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District have met this day in regular session; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors accept the form and content of the “Contract for Temporary Water Service Between the United States and the Porterville Irrigation District” and directing officers of the District to execute said Contract on an annual basis provided the terms remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the United States has determined that surplus water may be available in the Friant Unit of the Central Valley Project during the future water year; and

WHEREAS, the United States has made said surplus water available to contractors on the Friant Unit according to the provisions of Section 215 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Porterville Irrigation District may wish to take delivery of an undetermined quantity of such surplus water for delivery within the boundaries of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HEREBY FINDS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The form and content of the "Contract for Temporary Water Service Between the United States and the Porterville Irrigation District", are hereby approved;
2. The officers of the District are authorized and directed to execute said Temporary Contract for and on behalf of the District on an annual basis provided the terms remain unchanged;
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and transmitted by the Secretary of the District to the Bureau of Reclamation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	<i>Borba, Gisler, McCowan, Chambers, Witzel</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTAIN:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</i>

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Porterville Irrigation District, an irrigation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held at the office of the Porterville Irrigation District at Porterville, California on the 15th day of February 2019, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remains in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Porterville Irrigation District this 15th day of February 2019.

/s/ Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary
Porterville Irrigation District

TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION (TRA) – Review and consider executing an agreement with the TRA Members for Success Reservoir Enlargement.

Mr. Geivet brought the Board and guests up to date on the Success Reservoir Enlargement project noting that up to this point, we have had a “gentlemen’s agreement” to cover the project. PID is a part of this agreement because of our involvement in the flood control component of the agreement. He recommended that the Board consider authorizing the Board President to sign the agreement when the final agreement is completed.

M/S/U. Chambers, Witzel to authorize President Borba to sign and execute an agreement amongst the Members of the Tule River Association regarding participation in the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project.

SERVICE AREA #1 & #2 – Review and consider adopting a Notice of Completion for the Nicholas Construction Contract and releasing retention funds to the contractor and other administrative matters.

Manager Geivet reviewed the status of Service Area #1/#2 projects and noted that unless there are any questions or issues, we are at the stage where we can adopt a notice of completion for both projects. At that time, Director Borba, speaking as a customer, brought to the Board’s attention some Underground Service Alert (USA) issues causing the Contractor to hit some power lines to their pumps resulting in Mr. Borba incurring numerous repair bills to resolve. The Manager said that he would consult with District legal counsel before moving forward with a Notice of Completion.

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers to adopt a Notice of Completion for the Nicholas Construction Contract and releasing retention funds to the contractor and other administrative matters; with the caveat that the Manager and District legal counsel resolve customer damage issue; and see pressure test results that were done after the last round of repairs.

CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION (CFWC) – Consider a contribution to the CFWC for \$2,550.00

Mr. Geivet recommended that the Board consider continuing membership in this organization that has been very involved to educate consumers about the connection between water for our farms and the food they provide for their families. He noted that they are very active on social media and trying to take the message of the Valley to the Bay area with clips played at movie theaters between feature presentations as well as bus placards and editorials.

M/S/U. Gisler, McCowan to authorize contribution payment of \$2,550.00 to continue membership in the California Farm Water Coalition.

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 10:40 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary