

June 11, 2019 - June 17, 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 June 18, 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 9:07 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Gisler, Chambers

DIRECTORS ABSENT: McCowan, Witzel

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager

Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary

Kel Mitchel, Sun World International Katie Musser, Sun World International

Mike George, Sun Pacific

Kathy Briano

Bryce McAteer, Eastern Tule GSA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - President Borba asked if there was any public comment.

District customer, Kathy Briano, commented on the weeds needing attention in and around the newly developed recharge and banking basins.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held May 14, 2019 as presented.

Bryce McAteer entered the Board room at 9:11 a.m.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

Manager Geivet reviewed the Reconciliation for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) that Nick Keller prepared to true up past few years where payments were made where water rates had a tendency to change often resulting in under/overpayments.

M/S/U Gisler, 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 April 2019 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. She reminded the Board and guests that these reports are considered preliminary pending any additional year-end entries made as a result of the upcoming audit. BNY Mellon bank statement as of April 30, 2019 was also included in the meeting packet. The Treasurer asked the Manager and Board if they wish to continue seeing these statements monthly or if they would prefer to only see quarterly or even just annually. All concurred that quarterly would be sufficient.

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

Administration Report: Mr. Geivet reported that the new shared employee, Ann Ericksen started on May 13th and is doing well learning her tasks at both districts.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet reported that U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) has officially extended the Uncontrolled Season through the end of June. He speculated it could continue well into the first week of July. He again suggested that the Board continue recharge/banking until the Bureau declares the reservoir under control, at which time we would limit to irrigation use only until Fall with the possibility of resuming recharge/banking if our water supply exceeds our irrigation demand.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: President Borba reported on a recent Friant Water Authority (FWA) trip to Washington D.C. For a few newcomers to our meetings, the Manager gave an overview of "The Blueprint" that we keep hearing about and its goals to unite water interests for presentation to the political arena.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Mr. Geivet shared that they are in the midst of completing two major components of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

The Manager shared that he has met with 4 Creeks to develop a water accounting system that not only handles all of the different tracking needs of the future, but one that also works with ETGSA. 4 Creeks has already been working with Saucelito, Lower Tule River and Delano-Earlimart Irrigation Districts.

Kathy Briano departed the Board room at 10:14 a.m.

Future Planning: Nothing new to report.

LANDOWNER AGREEMENTS – Review and consider authorizing standing authority to execute Agreements with Landowners owning less than five (5) acres. Two Agreements are seeking authority for execution at this time.

Mr. Geivet reviewed two agreements that were included in the meeting packet. He made a recommendation that if the Board is comfortable with these Agreements, that he present these Agreements to President Borba for execution as they are received. In an effort to keep the Board updated on future executed agreements, he will include them in the next meeting packet after execution.

He then noted that the next step for any executed agreements will be to send a supplemental bill for the supplemental assessment amount to these parcels as well as amend their future billings to also include the supplemental rate.

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to authorize the Manager to present to the President for execution of Agreements with Landowners owning less than five (5) acres to be included in the supplemental assessment and any associated water deliveries or allocation benefits as outline in the agreement.

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 10:37 a.m.

Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary