



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors  
September 11, 2018**

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 9:01 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  
Dave Dorrance, Sun World International  
Allan Lombardi  
Bill Wallace  
Kathy Briano  
Michael DePaoli  
Tom O'Sullivan  
Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority

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

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION** – The Manager noted that the necessary reports are not completed and stated that this item will be adjourned to the next meeting.

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

District landowner Allan Lombardi asked how channel losses are handled. The Manager briefly covered some of the common practices to account for channel losses noting that the type of water year being experienced typically steers the course of action.

Manager Geivet announced that arrangements have been made for the District's Legal Counsel to join the meeting via teleconference around 9:15 a.m. and that Friant Water Authority's Chief Executive Officer also has plans to join later in the morning.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

M/S/U Chambers, 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 July 2018 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. BNY Mellon bank statement as of July 31, 2018 was also included in the meeting packet as well as Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) statement for July 2018 reflecting interest earned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of \$7,365.08.

Mr. Geivet reminded the Board that these reports are considered preliminary pending any additional year-end entries made as a result of the audit that is nearing completion. He noted that Mr. Mastro was at a conference during our Board meeting, but they expect to have the audit completed in the next week or so and this item will be on the agenda for approval at the October meeting. He also brought the Board's attention to a budget error discovered during the audit. It appears that we mistakenly omitted the Success Reservoir O&M expenses. He said that we will need a motion to amend the budget to include this amount.

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to amend the 2018 budget to include \$17,744.00 for Success Reservoir O&M and accept the financial reports as presented and to place the reports on file.

The Treasurer also provided breakdowns of the Construction In Progress (CIP) account which is being used as a clearing house account for both Service Area #1/#2 projects until all is finalized.

District Legal Counsel Scott K. Kuney joined the Manager and Board via teleconference at 9:22 a.m. In interest of maximizing Mr. Kuney's time, the Manager suggested that we move to the Agenda Item #8 for discussion on Homer Groundwater Banking Agreement and return to the District reports later in the meeting.

### **HOMER GROUNDWATER BANKING AGREEMENT – Provide direction on developing the Draft Homer Groundwater Banking Agreement**

Manager Geivet presented an agreement in the meeting packet that he would like to see as a generic agreement with any water user that wants to develop a banking project in or with the District. He also recommended the Board consider adopting appropriate policy that spells out costs/fees for all banking projects before we start executing any agreements. It was also noted that some of the items in the draft agreement are reliant upon those other policies, like an allocation policy for instance, which will further shape the agreement once those policies are defined in greater detail.

Mr. Kuney departed the conversation at 10:10 a.m.

The Board gave the Manager the nod to pursue developing the necessary policies that would go along with these Groundwater Banking agreements before revisiting this agreement for finalization.

Jason Phillips entered the Board room at 10:15 a.m.

The Manager and Board also discussed some ideas for the Ad Hoc committee being considered. President Borba, Director McCowan, Manager Geivet, Landowner Tom O'Sullivan, Sun World representative Dave Dorrance or Clifton Lollar and District Legal Counsel Kuney were named for this initial Ad Hoc committee. The Manager will reach out to all later this week to schedule the first meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held August 14, 2018 as presented.

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

**Operations/Water Report:** Manager Geivet reviewed PID's plan to continue running the Poplar East ditch (Poplar) even after LTRID turned off. He noted that running Poplar alone was not the best use of our Tule River water. This run was essentially a trial to see if Poplar East customers who have historically complained about a short irrigation season would maximize use of this water that was set aside specifically for them. Although a couple used the water almost non-stop, the majority of Poplar East users did not take advantage of this run. We did not even use half of what was set aside for this run. The basin loss versus the District loss was lopsided and not in our favor, he noted. The Manager will talk to the City of Porterville (City) to see if they are interested and able to take some of the leftover Tule water.

Kathy Briano departed the Board room at 10:34 a.m.

Discussion continued on leftover Tule water with Mr. Geivet wrapping up with his plans to study the best way to utilize this water to produce money to offset our budget or to maximize recharge credit.

The Manager then directed the Board's attention to meeting packet item #5.C.3. breaking down the cost of the canal water for 2018.

**Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA:** At this time, Manager Geivet introduced Friant Water Authority CEO Jason Phillips to the Board and guests. Mr. Phillips expressed that his/their top priority is to deliver canal water to the growers. He discussed canal capacity and subsidence issues and answered various Director and customer questions.

Tom O'Sullivan departed the Board room at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Phillips reviewed the potential benefits of Proposition 3, also known as the Water Supply and Water Quality Act.

Michael DePaoli departed the Board room at 11:25 a.m.

All remaining guests departed the Boardroom at 11:28 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**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 11:29 a.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 11:51 a.m.

No action taken.

Jason Phillips departed the Board room at 11:52 a.m.

**Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA):** Nothing new to report other than noting that the new Executive Director, Bryce McAteer is doing a good job.

**Pipeline Project:** Nothing new to report.

**WATER SUPPLY – Consider designating water supplies for transfer, recharge and/or irrigation**

This item was discussed and tabled earlier in the meeting.

**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 12:21 p.m.

  
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Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary