



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
October 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 9:01 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
Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Dave Dorrance, Homer LLC
Bill Wallace
Kathy Briano
Terry Schuler
Cristobal Chavez
Adeyinka Glover
Allan Lombardi

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 McCowan, Gisler to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held September 10, 2019 as presented.

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting held September 17, 2019 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Gisler, 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 August 2019 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period.

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

Administration Report: Included in the meeting packet was Item #5.B. reporting rainfall totals for the current year going back through the 1960's. The Secretary noted that the rainfall water year is October-September. The total rainfall for October 2018 – September 2019 water year was 11.40 inches.

Operations/Water Report: As Manager Geivet reported in previous months, we will run out of water in the next week or two. He also noted that we have 800 or so acre-ft of Tule water in Success Reservoir. He will reach out to Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) to see if they would be interested in a trade for Friant Kern Canal (FKC) water. If not, we can use that water to serve any of our demand in the Poplar service area in hopes of prolonging our season another week or so.

Allan Lombardi entered the Board room at 9:18 a.m.

The Manager then directed the Board's attention to Item #5.C. in the meeting packet. This worksheet tracks Central Valley Project (CVP) Water Use History for the District back to 1998. He updated the worksheet to show the strength in recent use compared to prior years. The Board asked to expand this worksheet to include Tule River use. District staff will work on this task in coming months.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Mr. Geivet noted that he forwards CEO Updates from Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority (FWA) to Directors as they come in. President Borba also reminded the Board about the upcoming FWA Board of Director's Annual Retreat scheduled for November 18-20.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Manager Geivet reported that ETGSA announced on September 16th that they have posted the proposed draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for 90-day public review. The public hearing concerning the adoption of the proposed GSP is scheduled for December 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Porterville City Hall, 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257. He also noted that during this gap in activities, they need to continue work on other necessary details like the agency Rules and Regulations. He shared that some work has been done already, but they need to build supporting documents and policies.

The Manager also touched on the two different tracking systems being developed. He noted that one pivots around "pumping" while Cal Poly's is targeting "evapotranspiration" (often referred to as ET). Cal Poly is using California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) stations via satellite. He suggested that we may want more robust CIMIS stations to collect our data.

Mr. Geivet also noted that David De Groot from 4Creeks, Inc. needs the agency's Rules and Regulations and associated policies before he can build the accounting system to track use, pumping, recharge, banking, etc.

Future Planning: Nothing new to report.

TULE RIVER – FRIANT KERN WATER BANK PROJECT - Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2019-10-01, approving Addendum to the Tule River – Friant Kern canal Water Bank Project.

Manager Geivet discussed some comments from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in response to the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) by the District for the Tule River – Friant Kern canal Water Bank Project (Project) that address their concerns during the construction phase of the Project. He noted that he is working with Homer LLC and the District's Legal Counsel to develop a Resolution that acts as an addendum to each topic of the CDFW letter. No action taken at this time.

WATER BANKING MONITORING COMMITTEE – Discuss the options for a monitoring committee and consider naming the PID Directors and others to the committee.

Mr. Geivet emphasized that subsidence is a major concern in the Valley. He noted there is a section in each banking agreement for a monitoring committee. He suggested considering options to fulfil this obligation. One might be, in an effort to maximize time and resources for both Porterville and Saucelito Irrigation Districts, to form one joint committee that includes two Directors from each District, along with the various other seats as outlined in the banking agreement as opposed to an individual committee for each agreement. He asked that Directors ponder this topic for future action.

All guests departed the Board room at 10:27 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 10:28 a.m. District Legal Counsel Scott K. Kuney joined the Manager and Board via teleconference at 10:41 a.m. which ended at 10:57 a.m. The Board adjourned from closed session at 10:57 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

No action taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (2 Cases)

No action taken.

Cristobal Chavez and Adeyinka Glover were invited back and entered the Board room at 10:58 a.m.

The Manager informed Mr. Chavez and Ms. Glover that they can expect a letter from the District's Legal Counsel later this week.

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 11:00 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary