



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
November 12, 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
David Payne, City of Porterville
Dave Dorrance, Homer LLC
Bill Wallace
Kathy Briano
Terry Schuler
Chris Tantau, Friant Water Authority Chairman
Allan Lombardi

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there was any public comment. Manager Geivet did bring to the Board's attention a recent Public Records Request regarding Service Areas 1 & 2 that he is working on.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Chris Tantau entered the Board room at 9:01 a.m.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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

Bill Wallace entered the Board room at 9:02 a.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS – Financial Reports: Treasurer Griswold-Bratcher reviewed with the Board the September 2019 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. The BNY Mellon bank statement as of September 30, 2019 was also included in the meeting packet.

Manager Geivet also reminded the Board that we are a year out from refinancing our Bond. He briefly reviewed some of the topics the District will likely be seeing as a result.

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

Administration Report: Included in the meeting packet was a revised Assessed Valuation Report (Item #5.B.1.) that reflects Assessor Parcel Number (APN) and/or acreage changes after the Tulare County Assessor's (County) office revised one of their maps creating two new maps. The County omitted those newly created parcel numbers from our mini-roll request AND the new maps have not yet been posted on their website, so we had no way of knowing there were any changes in our annual review period. The net difference was a decrease of 2.88 acres. Since these new APNs and acreages were what the County used for their 2019-20 Assessment billing, the Manager approved the correction prior to the District's billing in order to mirror the County's records.

Also included in the meeting packet was a letter from the District's insurance carrier transmitting several "President's Special Recognition Award" certificates issued to the District.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet reviewed the District's water schedule as reported to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau). He noted that we were not able to swap Tule water from the Success Reservoir for Friant Kern Canal (FKC) water. Instead we utilized the Tule water wherever we are able (Tipton, Poplar and Mole/P5 ditches) which allowed us to extend our season until we shut off the morning of October 21st. He also noted that we have about 500 acre-ft of water left in the Reservoir that could be run down the Porter Slough and made available to any customers in good standing that may be interested in additional groundwater recharge water this season. He will touch base with the water master in coming weeks to coordinate.

Kathy Briano entered the Board room at 9:23 a.m.

The Manager then directed the Board's attention to Item #5.C.2. in the meeting packet. This worksheet tracks the District's current water billing through September reflecting the aggressive recharge District customers have recorded so far this season.

Mr. Geivet also shared that the Ad Hoc Committee should consider meeting again to work on an allocation process to prepare for less than bountiful water years.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Manager Geivet reminded the Board that he forwards CEO Updates from Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority (FWA) to Directors as they come in. He and FWA Chairman, Chris Tantau, also

shared some thoughts on one of the hot topics regarding the proposed Title Transfer of defined Friant Division, CVP facilities. The Board was once again reminded about the upcoming FWA Board of Director's Annual Retreat slated for November 18-20.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): The Manager reminded the Board and guests that ETGSA recently announced 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. The District included a flyer in regards to this public hearing in the recent 2019-20 Assessment bill mailing to District customers.

Future Planning: Survey work on the prospective Service Area 3 (SA3) is done, but they are still running numbers and looking for possible grants to aid funding of the project.

TULE RIVER – FRIANT KERN WATER BANK PROJECT - Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2019-11-01, approving Addendum to the Tule River – Friant Kern canal Water Bank Project.

Mr. Geivet noted that he is still working with District legal counsel and other parties on the wording for this addendum and resolution. 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.

Manager Geivet again 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 reviewed options to fulfil this obligation. His suggestion is to form one joint committee that includes two Directors from each District and others as referenced in the agreements.

Bill Wallace and Terry Schuler departed the Board room at 10:45 a.m.

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to appoint Directors McCowan and Witzel to represent Porterville Irrigation District on a joint Water Banking Monitoring Committee with Saucelito Irrigation District, as well as other representatives as outlined in the water banking agreements.

The Manager 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.

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

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 11:13 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary