



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
December 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 9:00 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
Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Michael DePaoli
Dave Dorrance, Sun World International
John Simmerman
Bryce McAteer, Eastern Tule GSA
Tim Allan
Kathy Briano
Allan Lombardi
Bill Wallace
Sharon Noble
Terry Schuler

REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Manager Geivet noted that Directors Borba, Gisler and McCowan ran unopposed in the recent election to maintain their respective seats on the Board. Mr. Geivet then asked the specified Directors to repeat the Oath of Office for Special Districts. Once completed, he asked the Board to consider reorganization at this time.

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers that the current officers of the Board be retained.

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

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

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

Allan Lombardi asked the Board about water supply allocations after the passing of the 218 Election this summer. The Manager noted that this item will be discussed in greater detail later in the meeting.

Bill Wallace, Terry Schuler and Sharon Noble entered the Board room at 9:09, 9:12 and 9:14 a.m. respectively.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held November 13, 2018 as presented.

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 October 2018 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. BNY Mellon bank statement as of October 31, 2018 was also included in the meeting packet as well as Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) statement for October 2018 reflecting interest earned in the 3rd Quarter of \$5,390.61.

Manager Geivet answered questions about lower than expected water income noting that some of the season's water has not yet been billed, including water transferred to Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) as well as some recharge water that was designated earlier this season. He also reminded the Board and guests that contractor Vollmer has not yet completed nor billed for the pipeline replacement and repairs on P1.

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

Administration Report: Mr. Geivet brought to the Board's attention a letter from Somach Simmons & Dunn law firm regarding their current recommendations in regards to Water Rights Fees Litigation Against the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

The Manager also brought the Board up to date on recent Public Records Act requests as well as a request from the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet reviewed the water schedule with the Board and guests noting that there is still some water available. He stated that irrigation use has basically ceased making it unlikely that we will use all of the water available. After some discussion, the Board explored making another block of water available for recharge noting that they still wish to retain a small amount of water for carryover or cushion to cover any unintentional overuse before the end of the water year in February 2019. The

Manager suggested starting this water after the New Year's Holiday in order to allow District staff time to notify customers of this availability of this recharge water as well as enjoy time off for the holidays.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to designate roughly 785 (seven hundred eighty-five) acre-ft of water in our schedule as groundwater recharge water at the previously set rate of \$85.00/acre-ft, to all accounts in good standing and Assessments are current prior to ordering this water to begin after the New Year's Holiday, to be prorated on an acreage basis for customers that choose to order this recharge water, and customers may choose to run this water into their own recharge facilities or fallow ground or may ask the District to run this water into the Porter Slough in the customers' name; and to retain roughly 100 (one hundred) acre-ft of water in the schedule for emergency use, carry over or to cover unintentional overuse during the remainder of the water year.

District customer Lombardi asked the Board again about allocation, safe yield and how much water District customers should expect to receive of the water supply. The Manager and Board explained where we are on the Allocation Policy and where it could be headed in relation to a transfer policy among other things.

Manager Geivet commented that PID has historically been water rich and cash poor and the future of SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014) will dramatically change how PID water users manage both their surface and groundwater supplies.

District customer Bill Wallace asked about the 5 Year Water Management Plan. The Manager noted that he will revisit the topic with the District's engineer.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Extensive discussion was held on Tule River Authority meetings and channel loss issues.

John Simmerman departed the Board room at 10:07 a.m.

The Manager brought to the Board's attention a letter included in the meeting packet sent out by Friant Water Authority (FWA) CEO Jason Phillips regarding Friant-Kern Canal subsidence issues and possible solutions.

Kathy Briano departed the Board room at 10:20 a.m.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Mr. Geivet noted that ETGSA has engaged to try to find out what is causing the subsidence. He then introduced Executive Director, Bryce G McAteer. Mr. McAteer brought the Board and guests up to date on recent ETGSA meeting discussions as well as the current project for subsidence analysis. He discussed plans to analyze wells (distance and depth) around the canal from the Tule River to White River and within 5 (five) miles on either side.

He then presented some printed materials on SGMA and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) progress.

Tim Allan departed the Board room at 10:20 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

President Borba called a meeting recess at 10:54 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

President Borba called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Bryce McAteer and Michael DePaoli departed the Board room at 11:04 a.m.

Pipeline Project: The Manager updated the Board on a recent customer request from the Noble family to hookup some of their property in Service Area 2 (SA2). He then introduced Stan “Sparky” Noble’s widow Sharon to the Board and guests. He noted that Sparky was quite active in initial plans for the pipeline until his unexpected death at which time the project took a different direction. The Noble family proposes to pay to install the necessary pipeline to connect their property if the District will assist in obtaining the necessary easements. The Board gave the nod to the Manager to pursue the easements.

Mr. Geivet also brought up various little items that have held up the completion of SA2 for final payment... items such as a sink hole over one stretch of pipeline as well as minor design flaws like wheels 8’ deep, meters that are not functioning properly, 80# traffic lids that must be lifted in order to read meters frequently. He noted some solutions to some of the issues, but the contractor is on another job and has not had a chance to correct/repair the remaining items.

Allen Lombardi and Sharon Noble departed the Board room at 11:19 a.m.

Future Planning: Manager Geivet noted the Ad-Hoc committee will start on a list of ideas as soon as the Allocation and Banking policies are completed.

ALLOCATION POLICY – Consider adopting a draft Allocation Policy

Manager Geivet reviewed with the Board and guests some recent changes to this Policy stating that it is near completion with only some minor legal wording to be added. He suggested the Board consider approving the Policy with the stipulation that the Manager and District legal counsel approve and the document is formatted to match PID’s proper policy format already established before execution.

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers to execute the draft Allocation Policy as outlined upon final approval of the Manager and District legal counsel.

Director Gisler and all remaining guests departed the Board room at 12:04 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 12:04 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

The Board adjourned from closed session at 12:36 p.m.

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 12:37 p.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary