



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
March 14, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District met this day in regular session both in person and by teleconference from 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, Chambers, Gisler, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, *District Manager*
Nick Keller, *District Engineer*
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, *District Assistant Secretary*
Aubrey A. Mauritsen, *District Legal Counsel*
David DePaoli
Bill Wallace
Matt Leider
Nick Gatti
Rusty Roper
Numerous guests via Zoom and One tap mobile

AGENDA – There were no changes or additions made to the agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of February 21, 2023 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Reports: Controller Row reviewed with the Board reports in the meeting packet that included the January 2023 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. He noted that the budgeted Income Statements reflect last year's budget and that future income statements will include the 2023 budget amounts once approved.

Administration Report: Nothing new to report.

Operations/Water Report: District Engineer Nick Keller shared with the Board and guests that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has declared 100% for Class 1 and 70% for Class 2 plus just last Friday they announced Uncontrolled Season water available. Discussion then moved to the recent flood concerns as well as local reservoir levels and Tule River flows.

Included in the meeting packet was Enclosure #6.C. reporting rainfall totals for the current year going back through the 1960's. The report shows total rainfall for October 2022 – March 13, 2023 is 14.98 inches.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA/TRA/VAWC/FWA: Mr. Keller, Manager Geivet and President Borba briefed those in attendance on the various authorities.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): President Borba gave a brief update on current ETGSA topics as well as last month's Public Workshop.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: Although this project is not yet complete, they noted that it appears to be working as intended so far.

Future Planning: Nothing new to report.

BANKING POLICY – Discussion on a revised Banking Policy

This item was tabled with nothing new to report at this time.

CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION (CFWC) – Consider renewing membership in CFWC for \$2,550.00

Mr. Keller recommended that the Board consider continuing membership in this organization that has been very involved to educate consumers about the connection between water for our farms and the food they provide for their families. He noted that they are very active on social media and trying to take the message of the Valley to the Bay area with clips played at movie theaters between feature presentations as well as bus placards and editorials.

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to authorize a contribution payment of \$2,550.00 to continue membership in the California Farm Water Coalition as presented.

2023 BUDGET AND WATER RATES – Review and consider adopting the draft budget and water rates for 2023

Engineer Keller directed the Board's attention to the draft budget in the meeting packet. The Board took under review and held discussion on the 2023 draft budget and water rates. Mr. Keller suggested that based on this budget, the water rate be set at \$85.00 per acre-foot.

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to approve the 2023 Porterville Irrigation District draft Budget and Water Rate as presented.

(A copy of the 2023 Budget as approved is incorporated in the minutes by reference and is on file in the office of the District.)

Also distributed at the meeting were the calculations for the PID managed ditch company Sharewater rate for 2023 at \$16.29/acre-foot as determined by the formulas in place that are based on a five-year rolling average using the past five years of actual data.

Mr. Keller suggested that we adjourn into closed session. All other guests departed at 10:02 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 10:03 a.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 10:35 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 reportable action.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9] (1 Case)

No reportable action.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *Arvin-Edison Water Storage District v. PID, PID Board and Homer LLC*, Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-22-100617

No reportable action.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT –President Borba adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, *Asst. Secretary*