



**Minutes of Special Meeting, Board of Directors
November 9, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District met this day in special 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 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Chambers, Gisler, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, *District Manager*
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*
Aubrey A. Mauritson, *District Legal Counsel*
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, *District Assistant Secretary*
Chris Eriksen, *District Operations Forman*
Nick Keller
Tom Barcellos
Nick Hill
Douglas Jackson
Allan Lombardi
Kathy Briano
Terry Schuler
Larry Suniga
Aaron Attebery
Numerous guests via Zoom and One tap mobile

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

Director Gisler and customer Aaron Attebery entered the meeting room at 2:02 p.m.

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

District customer Briano commented on weeds and debris in sinking basins.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan 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 September 2023 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. He updated the Board and guests on the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) account. Also included in the packet is the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) statement for October 2023 reflecting interest earned in the 3rd Quarter 2023 of \$34,682.11.

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

Administration Report: Included in the meeting packet was the “Monthly Google Analytics Report” on the District’s website for October 2023 (Enclosure #5.B.).

Operations/Water Report: Mr. Keller updated the Board on current operations and reviewed District water schedule submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (distributed at the meeting). District staff reviewed customer billings to date on the Water Billing Recap. It was noted that customer run water ceased on October 31st with a few exceptions for customers that ran Poplar Sharewater into November.

Mr. Keller also shared timeline details about planned Friant-Kern Canal (FKC) repairs and maintenance noting they anticipate being back online in late January 2024.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA/TRA/VAWC/FWA: Manager Geivet briefed the Board on the various authorities.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Nothing new to report.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: Nothing new to report.

Future Planning: Mr. Geivet stated that we are moving forward with Service Area 4 (SA4). He shared that we have some grant funding approved and we are trying to get more. Meanwhile our engineers are working on cost share estimates to get a better idea of grower/District split before bringing those numbers to the table.

He then touched on other projects on the District Water Project List including the P1 Pressure line. When asked about that list, he stated that it was posted on the District’s website after last month’s meeting. The Controller did a quick search on the website during the meeting and brought it up on the screen.

BANKING POLICY – Discussion on a revised Banking Policy

The Manager noted that the consultant plans to supply a report later this week which should help the District move forward with a final draft for a revised Banking Policy.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – Review previously approved Resolution. An amendment is required to the 2023-2024 Assessments

District staff reviewed a revised report and explained the circumstances that require modification to the previously approved report for the Assessed Valuations for the 2023-24 Assessment year. One parcel on the report had already been updated in 2019, however one of three fields in the software remained at the old acreage thereby triggering staff into thinking our records differed from the Tulare County Assessor's mini-roll. We have been billing correctly since 2019-20 Assessment, but this one informational field on the main screen reflected the incorrect acreage.

The other two parcels with the lot-line adjustments were a little different in that they border the river so portions of both are not fully assessed, however the report from last month's meeting included all acres. The new report reflects the omission of those acres that were not assessed previously. The revision is minimal, but necessary so that the Resolution matches the Assessed Valuation of the billing.

Upon motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Director Gisler, the following Resolution was passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11-01

***RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT FOR 2023-24 FOR
PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT***

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District have met this day as the Board of Equalization in special session; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges District staff's recommendation to rescind Resolution No. 2023-10-01 and correct to the following valuation; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey S. Row, Assessor of the District, has filed the Assessment Book for assessment year 2023-24 showing the Assessed Valuation of \$1,481,586 for individual billed parcels, plus \$136,402 for properties covered under the Agreement between the City of Porterville and the District concerning City payment in-lieu assessments, for a total Assessed Valuation of \$1,617,988; and

WHEREAS, no person has requested, in person or in writing, an equalization of the assessed valuation of their property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the assessments for the assessment year 2023-24 heretofore prepared and filed with the Secretary by the Assessor are approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November 2023 by the following vote:

<i>AYES:</i>	<i>Borba, Chambers, Gisler, McCowan, Witzel</i>
<i>NOES:</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>ABSTAIN:</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>ABSENT:</i>	<i>None</i>

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Porterville Irrigation District, an irrigation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a Zoom meeting thereof duly and specially held by the Porterville Irrigation District at Porterville, California on the 9th day of November 2023, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remains in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Porterville Irrigation District this 9th day of November 2023.

/s/ Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary
Porterville Irrigation District

UPDATE ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FROM THE \$300,00.00 APPROVED AT OCTOBER MEETING

Mr. Eriksen reviewed recent equipment purchases. He also recommended retiring the 1976 Ford Dump Truck and the 1996 Dodge pickup that currently has the spray tank on it. The Dump truck has effectively been replaced by the dump trailer and they are considering a smaller spray rig.

M/S/U McCowan, Witzel to approve retiring the 1976 Ford Dump Truck and the 1996 Dodge Pickup and to authorize sending both items straight to auction.

Mr. Geivet asked that we adjourn into closed session. All guests departed the Board room and Zoom meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 2:56 p.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 3:58 p.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 – 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.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella*,

Inc. v. Porterville Irrigation District, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. PCU301703

No reportable action.

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

Any reportable action was noted under the appropriate agenda item above.

ADJOURNMENT –President Borba adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.



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