



**November 14, 2023 – December 11, 2023**

The Porterville Irrigation District Board of Directors did not meet these days in regular session due to lack of a quorum.

**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors  
December 12, 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*  
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*  
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, *District Assistant Secretary*  
Chris Eriksen, *District Operations Forman*  
Nick Keller, *District Engineer*  
Kathy Briano  
Nick Gatti  
Terry Schuler  
Bill Wallace  
Numerous guests via Zoom and One tap mobile

**AGENDA** – The Manager noted the meeting time reflected on the posted agenda was incorrect. The meeting time should be 9:00 a.m., not 2:00 p.m. A customer brought it to the staff's attention earlier this morning and we sent an email to alert interested parties of the correction as well as posted the correct Agenda on the website.

**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 November 9, 2023 as presented.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers 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 October 2023 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. Also included in the packet is the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) account statement for November 2023.

Director McCowan inquired about the high balance in the Distribution Repairs account. The Controller noted it includes several hundred thousand of Flood repairs incurred earlier this Spring. We are still working with FEMA for reimbursement.

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

**Administration Report:** Included in the meeting packet was a letter from the District's insurance carrier ACWA-JPIA transmitting several "President's Special Recognition Award" certificates issued to the District (Enclosure #5.B.1.).

**Operations/Water Report:** Mr. Keller updated the Board on current operations. He noted that Friant-Kern Canal is expected to come back online around January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Also included in the meeting packet was a Water Billing Recap that reflects all water billed for 2023. The only customer run water in November was some Poplar Sharewater.

Discussion moved to recent well measurement data included in the meeting packet as Enclosure #5.C.3. that was collected by District staff over the past several weeks. Groundwater levels have risen throughout the District with a new average depth of 54 feet from 108 feet recorded in the Fall of 2022.

**Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA/TRA/VAWC/FWA:** Manager Geivet briefed the Board on the various authorities. He also mentioned that he continues to share the FWA CEO's Update with Directors as they cross his desk.

**Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA):** The Manager noted that there are some rumors going around the rumor mill in regards to ETGSA's status with the State Board. He briefly talked about potential scenarios. He will keep the Board up to date on things as they progress.

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

**Future Planning:** Mr. Eriksen, the District's Maintenance Foreman, brought the Board and guests up to date on P1 pipeline repair plans and options for the last 1,500 feet of line. He did recommend having a contractor do the road crossings and the District staff would do the rest. He also talked about equipment needs and maintenance plans for other areas in the District.

## **BANKING POLICY – Discussion on a revised Banking Policy**

The Manager shared that he's been told the final report will be ready tomorrow. Engineer Keller reviewed the process of public review and hearing before it can be adopted. We should see that process started at next month's meeting.

Mr. Geivet informed the Board and guests that we do not need to go into closed session at this time.

**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**

No closed session, therefore no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT** –President Borba adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

  
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Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Asst. Secretary