



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors  
March 12, 2024**

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*  
Chris Eriksen, *District Maintenance Foreman*  
Kathy Briano  
Brandon Sargent  
Douglass Jackson  
Allan Lombardi  
Terry Schuler  
Bill Wallace  
Nick Gatti  
Matt Kidder  
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.

District customer Kathy Briano inquired about condition of Rhodes Fine Ditch near road 208. Commented on upkeep around the office and weed control. Matt Kidder commented on the improved condition of the grounds at the PID office.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting, Board of Directors of February 22, 2024 as presented.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

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

Mr. Geivet asked that we adjourn into closed session. All guests departed the Board room and Zoom meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 9:15 a.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 9:40 a.m.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Financial Reports:** Controller Row reviewed with the Board reports in the meeting packet that included the January 2024 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. Also included in the packet are the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) account statement and the LAIF account statement for February 2024.

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

**Administration Report:** Nothing new to report.

**Operations/Water Report:** Mr. Geivet reported that current Class 1 allocation was at 60%. Noted that more information would be available in March.

Mr. Eriksen, the District's Maintenance Foreman, brought the Board and guests up to date on projects and maintenance activities, including a ditch report. We are currently 40% complete of heavy weed removal. Potholing project of P-1 PSI is 70% complete. New projects which include alarm and CCTV for Office and Shop.

**Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA:** Manager Geivet briefed the Board on both TRA & FWA.

**Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA):** President Borba spoke briefly about the current subsidence issues.

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

**Future Planning:** Discussion ensued.

## **BANKING POLICY – Review and consider adopting revised Policy Principles for PID Groundwater Banking Program**

The District Manager stated that an EIR is being prepared and will be shared when available.

## **CEQA COMMENT PERIOD FOR NORT BASIN – Review and consider authorizing the Board President and Manager to sign agreement**

CEQA document was reviewed and discussion ensued.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to authorize the Board President and Manager to sign agreement

**2024 BUDGET AND WATER RATES (PRELIMINARY) – Review and discuss the draft budget and water rates**

Preliminary balanced Budget was presented. Discussion ensued about current water rates. Staff was directed to review current draft using \$200 to \$250 acre/foot water rate.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel approved the preliminary Budget with instructions for Staff to follow up with a final at the next meeting.

**CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION – Review discuss and approve**

Manager Geivet presented to the Board an invoice from California Farm Coalition. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit. Board was informed on the benefits.

M/S/U Borba, Witzel to authorize payment to California Farm Water Coalition for 2024 CFWC Membership.

**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)] *Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. v. Porterville Irrigation District*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. PCU301703**

No reportable action.

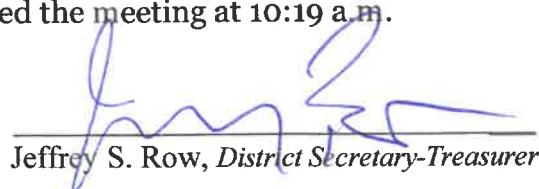
**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]**

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 10:19 a.m.

  
Jeffrey S. Row, District Secretary-Treasurer