

Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors April 9, 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 Douglas Jackson Terry Schuler Bill Wallace Nick Gatti Adam Mendoza Armando Leal

Tom Barcellos Larry Suniga Mike George

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 GSA Plan and who wrote it. She was informed that David DeGroot and Harder authored the document. Also inquired why PID is in ETGSA and not solo. Informed, that it made sense at the time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

 $\underline{M/S/U\ Gisler,\ Chambers}$ 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 February 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 March 2024.

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers 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 95%. Current water deliveries will be limited to 1.02 AF per acre. Current price for water is \$145 per AF. Water run is planned to end October 1, 2024.

Mr. Eriksen, the District's Maintenance Foreman, brought the Board and guests up to date on projects and maintenance activities. Noted that P1 Pressure line was in need of repairs. Emergency repair was approved.

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers to approve emergency repair of P1 Pressure Line.

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

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): District Manager briefed all on the ETGSA.

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 approval of an EIR being prepared by Provost & Pritchard is needed. The approval of \$159k plus fees is required. A one year to complete was also added.

M/S/U Gisler, McCowen to approve \$159k plus fees with a one year to complete.

2024 BUDGET AND WATER RATES – Review and discuss the draft budget and water rates

The 2024 balanced Budget was presented. Water rates for the year were set at \$145 per AF.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel approved the 2024Budget and \$145 per AF water rate.

Health Insurance – Discussion and review of Health Insurance Premiums for board and Staff

This item was tabled until the May 2024 meeting.

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

