

Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors October 8, 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: Chambers, McCowan, Borba, Gisler

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Witzel

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager

Jeffrey S. Row, District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector

Chris Eriksen, District Maintenance Foreman

Dennis Keller Kathy Briano Armando Leal Jason Guthrie Terry Schuler Allan Lombardi Nick Gatti Blake Wallace

Numerous guests via Zoom and One tap mobile

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

Douglas Jackson

Meeting was adjourned to closed session. All other guests and staff departed at 9:10 a.m. while the Manager and Board remained.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 10:01 a.m. Regular meeting ensued at 10:02 a.m.

Closed Session Items – Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Eric Borba reported that the Board had authorized the initiation of litigation. Further information concerning said litigation will be provided upon request, according and subject to the terms of Government Code section 54957.1(a)(2).

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

Kathy Briano presented a few questions for the Board and each was answered to her satisfaction. Questions included, Probation, FEMA, Legal Costs, and Rent Income. No other Public Comments were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of September 10, 2024 as presented.

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting of September 20, 2024 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 August 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 September 2024.

<u>M/S/U Gisler, Chamber</u> to accept the financial reports as presented and to place the reports on file.

Administration Report: Fall District well readings were presented.

Operations/Water Report: It was reported that current Class 1 allocation was at 90%. Current Class 2 is at 0%. Water run ended on Saturday October 5th.

Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA: Nothing to report.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): District Manager briefed all on the ETGSA meeting scheduled October 31, 2024. Informed the District that Transitional Water from ETGSA will be priced at \$392/AF.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: It was reported that Phase III is under contract and work is being done on securing easements.

Future Planning: Service Area #1 is currently being worked on. Service Area #3 is waiting on biological reports. Project should go out to bid in November 2024 with a projected March 2025 completion date. Service Area #4 is anticipated to be complete in late 2025.

BANKING POLICY - Provost & Pritchard EIR Update.

It was reported that the EIR is being prepared by Provost & Pritchard. Estimate delivery date is April of 2025.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – Review and consider adopting a Resolution approving the 2024-2025 assessments.

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District, acting as Board of Equalization, reviewed proposed changes to the Assessed Valuations for the 2024-25 Assessment year. District staff noted there were few changes in comparison to prior years. Upon motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Director Gisler, the Role was passed and adopted. A copy of the Resolution will be presented at the November Meeting for approval.

Meeting was adjourned to closed session. All other guests and staff departed at 11:04 a.m. while the Manager and Board remained.

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(d)(2)]

No reportable action.

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No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT - President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Jeffrey S. Row, District Secretary-Treasurer