



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
January 14, 2025**

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: McCowan, Borba, Gisler, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, *District Manager*
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*
Chris Eriksen, *District Maintenance Foreman*
Susan Long
Mike George
Allan Lombardi
Nick Gatti
Douglass Jackson
Jared Plumlee
Terry Schuler
Kathy Briano
Matt Kidder
Jason Guthrie
Jace Vanderham
Numerous guests via Zoom

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there was any public comment. Susan Long from Tule Trust presented information on SALC (Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:06 a.m. Regular meeting ensued at 9:50 a.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

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding the above listed existing litigation.

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

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding two potential items of anticipated litigation.

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

The General Manager reported the board unanimously approved the initiation of litigation. The details will be disclosed once filed.

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

No Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel 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 November 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 December 2024.

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

Administration Report: Sean Geivet reported that there was nothing to report.

Operations/Water Report: Dave Degroot is computing Recharge water in the Tule River System. Recharge will be allocated in a month or two. Chris, District Maintenance Foreman updated the group on ditch cleaning. Ditch cleaning is mostly done and focus will pivot toward ditch maintenance (correcting erosion, removing trees and debris).

Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA: TRA concrete pouring at the dam is complete. Still working on securing some easements. Target date for completion is the summer of 2025. FWA: Nothing to report.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): District Manager had information to report. Well registration was discussed and more information is required.

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

Future Planning: District Manager reported that a committee to discuss allocation process needs to be set up. The committee will meet in January or early February to discuss and create a policy. The committee members were chosen and are Jared Plumlee, Jace Vanderham, Eric Borba and Brett McCowan.

BANKING POLICY – Provost & Pritchard EIR Update.

New Banking Policy has been put on hold until new GSA is setup.

PID February Board Meeting Date Change

M/S/U Witzel, Gisler to approve the changing the February Board Meeting from February 11th to February 18th at 9 a.m. on account of the conflict with the World Ag Expo.

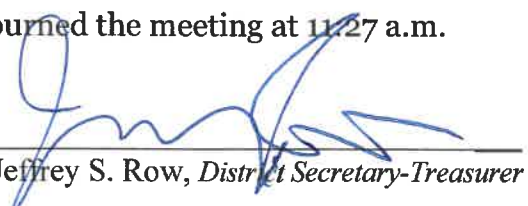
Cuttone & Mastro Engagement Agreement

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to authorize the Board President and Manager to sign and Engagement Letter to audit 2024 financial statements.

NEW GSA – Discussion of Forming a new GSA.

The formation of a new GSA was had. The new GSA would include Porterville Irrigation District and the City of Porterville. Map has been drawn. City of Porterville to review and consider in January. Further documents and proposal will be presented in the February Board Meeting. Target date for finalization is October 2025.

ADJOURNMENT – President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.



Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*