

## Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors August 12, 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 Board Room 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, Gisler, Witzel, McCowan

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** 

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sean P. Geivet, District Manager

Michael L. Knight, Assistant General Manager

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

Chris Eriksen, District Maintenance Foreman

Nick Keller, District Engineer

Aubrey Mauritson, District Legal Counsel List of signed in attendees:

Kathy Briano Lisa McEwen Matt Kidder Blake Wallace Douglass Jackson David Payne

Terry Schuler Jace Vanderham

Numerous guests via Zoom

AGENDA — There was one change to the Agenda. Item 14d. Consider approval to appoint Michael Knight as alternate for PID representation for the ETGSA Board was moved to 12b. Administration.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** — President Borba asked if there were any public comments.

No comments

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:01 a.m. Regular meeting ensued at 9:55 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Porterville Irrigation District, et al v. Friant Water Authority, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 314672.]

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU317284.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Haaland et al., United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:25-CV-00112-EPG

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)] Cases: one

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

There were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

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

The new fence was mentioned and question was made about short section in front of new building. Fence is shorter for aesthetics. New billing schedule was addressed.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025 as presented.

### AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

<u>M/S/U McCowan, Gisler</u> 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 June 2025 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. Also included in the packet were the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) account statement and the LAIF account statement for July 2025.

 $\underline{M/S/U \ Gisler, \ McCowan}$  to accept the financial reports as presented and to place the reports on file.

**Administration Report:** Billing and the timeliness of delivery was discussed. Goal is to have bills out by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Discussion of having Michael Knight as representative to ETGSA was had.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to approve Michael Knight as representative to ETGSA Board.

**Operations/Water Report:** Nick Keller reported that water operations should stay the same. However, as allocations dwindle the operations will change. Chris Ericksen

reported that Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Ditch maintenance and weed abatement is occurring as needed.

**Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA: TRA** Sean Geivet had no report. **FWA:** Sean Geivet reported that the Budget was done.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): District Manager reported that the GSA was working towards the future, still maintaining current operations. They will be involved until legal issues are settled. Noted that future assessments should come from PID GSA. ETGSA land subsidence draft impact will be discussed and implemented through PID GSA.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: No new information to report.

**Future Planning:** District Manager reported SA1 Survey complete. SA3 pipe to be laid by the end of the year. Laterals and Pump Station in 2026 with planned delivery in 2027. P1 project is progressing. Funds have been set aside for the future funding. Also, working on easements.

**2024 Audit:** This item was tabled until August. Treasurer to send out full audit report to Board for their review.

**PID GSA:** Rules and Regulations were presented for approval.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve Rules and Regulations and presented.

PID GSA Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday September 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm. It was announced that there was a need for more applicants for the Stakeholder Committee. Applications were made available at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Jeffrey 8. Row, District Secretary Treasurer