

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, by President Job. President Job, Director Meyer and Director Sheppard were present. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and a members of the public, Ryan Lundberg, Andy Stone and Peter Rystrom.

The Board advanced Item 9a, consideration of vacancy for Treasurer seat to the lead of the Agenda. The Board then conducted interviews of each of the candidates for the office of Treasurer including Ryan Lundberg, Andy Stone, Peter Rystrom and Brad Mattson, by telephone. Each candidate, in addition to communicating their interest and qualifications, advised the Board that they hold the qualifications necessary to be a treasurer and also would have the qualifications necessary should there be a future vacancy in the Board of Directors. The Board then discussed the qualifications of each candidate and ultimately tabled the matter for consideration at a future meeting.

The Board then considered adoption of the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting and, upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Sheppard, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

The Board next afforded opportunity for public comment on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District that do not appear on the agenda. No such comments were offered.

Mr. Earley offered the Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$152,708.93. During the month of January, 2023 there were disbursements of \$69,993.35, including payroll disbursements of \$56,224.17, payroll taxes of \$5,489.37, transfers and adjustments of \$54,361.78, and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during January were \$120,157.99, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of January, 2023 was \$105,675.98. President Job questioned the use of LAIF as the District's savings account. Director Meyer questioned the income statement and whether the employee medical benefits are front-loaded and to that question Mr. Earley answered that yes, the District's HSA contribution is paid at the beginning of each year. After further question and answer and discussion, a motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Sheppard, and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley provided a summary of the Joint Water Districts Board meeting. The Districts discussed and received an operations update and the upcoming allotted water season for 2023. Managers discussed and provided an update on their respective SGMA efforts in their basins. An employee sharing agreement for Mr. Stinnett's arrangement with Butte Water District was circulated shortly before the meeting. That item will be discussed at the home Boards and then brought back to the Joint Water Districts meeting in March. The Joint Board members reviewed and approved a 2023

budget which is less than the budget approved for 2022. Lastly, the Joint Districts discussed in closed session items that will also be discussed in closed session later today.

Turning to Mr. Earley's Manager's report. He provided a hydrology update with Lake Oroville currently at 2.45 million ac./ft., which is 114% of historical average and 70% of capacity. Mr. Earley advised the Board that water supply is looking very good for this year.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report commenting on the temporary urgency change petition submitted by DWR and the Bureau and the 2023 legislative session including concerns on legislation that appears to be introduced to modify or perhaps abolish the water rights system.

Turning to other business, the Board considered District officers for 2023. Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously appointed President Job as chair, Director Meyer as vice-chair, and Mr. Earley as secretary.

The Board next considered appointing Kelby Sheppard to the Butte Advisory Board as the representative for the Richvale Irrigation District GSA under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by President Job, the Board unanimously appointed Director Sheppard to the Butte Advisory Board on the District's behalf.

Mr. Earley provided the Board a brief update on SGMA activities. In sum, there is not a lot going on at the moment.

Turning to consideration of the 2023 operating budget, Mr. Earley introduced a draft advising the Board that the proposed budget is relatively heavy on expenses and Mr. Earley expressed a hope for room to cut and to come in under the forecasted expense category. On the revenue side, Mr. Earley has assumed a full rice acreage plant and has not included any funds for any potential water transfer either this year or next year. After further discussion, and question and answer on the budget, and plans for large expenditures in the coming year, a motion was made by Director Sheppard, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to approve the budget as proposed.

There being no further open session business, the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:22 p.m., reconvened into open session at 4:15 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and real property negotiators.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:   
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

Attest a true record of proceedings had  
and taken at the foregoing meeting, our  
presence thereat and our consent thereto.

  
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