

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

The Special meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023, by President Job and was the annual landowner meeting where District staff and Board members present on the status of the District and ongoing projects and areas of emphasis and engage in a question and answer period with landowners within the District. Following conclusion of the landowner meeting, the meeting location was relocated to the District offices where business was conducted.

President Job, Director Meyer and Director Sheppard were present. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper. No members of the public were present.

The first item of business to be considered by the Board was adoption of the minutes of February 16, 2023. Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Sheppard, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job next offered opportunity for public comment on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District that did not appear on the Agenda. No such comments were offered.

The Treasurer's report was offered by Interim Treasurer Sean Earley and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$105,675.98. During the month of February, 2023 there were disbursements of \$125,747.71, including payroll disbursements of \$45,356.59, payroll taxes of \$3,576.87, transfers and adjustments of \$-~~0.00~~ and bank charges of \$49.95. Cash Receipts during February were \$208,286.05, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of February, 2023 was \$139,230.21. After discussion and question and answer, 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.

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Mr. Earley next summarized the Joint Water Districts Board meeting. The Districts discussed an employee sharing agreement that would allow Donnie Stinnett to undertake special projects on behalf of Butte Water District. The Districts received an update on Joint Water Districts operations. The Joint Water Districts discussed the annual meeting, and also participated in a transfer discussion.

Turning to the Manager's report, Mr. Earley reported on hydrology and lake levels. Mr. Earley also provided an update on the District's grant funded infrastructure project and that the District received a notice to proceed and expects completion of the project this year. Finally, Mr. Earley reported on an essential need for a Proposition 218 rate change process to cover the shortfall from any preventative plant or drought.

Mr. Cooper provided an Attorney's report updating the Board on the reverse validation lawsuit and also water rate legislation that is proceeding through Sacramento that is extremely

concerning.

Turning to items of business, the Board considered appointment of a new treasurer in light of the vacancy of that position. The Board discussed the numerous well-qualified candidates for the position and ultimately, a motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Sheppard, and unanimously adopted to appoint Andy Stone as the new District treasurer.

The Board next considered the Butte Water District – Richvale Irrigation District Secondary Agreement. Mr. Earley updated the Board that this is a continuation of an existing contract. The only change being an increase in price to \$12.00 per ac./ft. That will be modified by Richvale Irrigation District to align with its water rates to \$11.75 plus \$.25 per ac./ft. used. Mr. Earley reminded the Board that this is a “use it or lose it” provision for the benefit of the Richvale Secondary landowners. A motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Sheppard, and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to execute the Secondary Agreement.

The Board next considered casting a vote for the LAFCO Enterprise open seat and after discussion, a motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Sheppard, and unanimously carried to appoint Ruth Duncan.

There was no update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

The Board next considered surplusizing a 2005 F-150. Mr. Earley reported that the District is due for another ditch tender truck estimated to be \$36,000. The District over the coming year will need to surplus three vehicles and purchase two new ones. Mr. Earley’s pickup will be sufficient until next year. A motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Sheppard, and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to surplus District vehicles and sell them for no less than fair market value.

There being no further open session business, the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 12:55 p.m., reconvened into open session at 1:19 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.




Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:

  
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

Attest a true record of proceedings had  
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