

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

The Special meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, by President Job. All Directors were present. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, District's treasurer Andy Stone, Jeff David's and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board next considered adoption of the February 15, 2024, regular meeting. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Sheppard the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

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

The Treasurer's report was offered by Andy Stone. Mr. Stone introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$166,114.22. During the month of February 2024 there were disbursements of \$101,807.57, including payroll disbursements of \$48,919.01, payroll taxes of \$3,959.74 and bank charges of \$32.95. Cash Receipts during February were \$189,477.58, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of February 2024 was \$298,287.12. Upon a motion by Director Sheppard seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously accepted the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Cooper provided the update on the Joint Water District Board meeting observing that Biggs West Gridley Water District has made a request for their secondaries to have water supply. The Joint Districts discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, water transfer topics and the hydrology report was approved. In addition, the Joint Districts discussed closed session items that will be discussed later today.

Mr. Earley provided a manager's report. Water supplies are in good shape. Not only here locally with Oroville but also statewide. We are well above the drought threshold in the diversion agreement. Both the multi year trigger and the single dry year trigger are not in any concern this year.

Mr. Cooper provided an attorney's report updating the Board on a Phase 1 San Joaquin River litigation decision.

Turning to items of business the Board considered the second amendment to the cooperation agreement amongst groundwater sustainability agencies in the Butte subbasin. After introduction by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Earley and discussion, a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Sheppard and unanimously carried to authorize execution of the

second amendment to the cooperation agreement amongst groundwater sustainability agencies in the Butte subbasin.

The Board next considered the Proposition 218 rate increase. Mr. Earley and Jeff Davids provided an introduction going through the procedure and the cost of service study prepared by Mr. David's. Mr. Earley reported that the District has not received one protest, however, he did engage in a lot of discussions with landowners that had questions and feedback. After that introduction, President Job opened the public hearing at 8:34 a.m. No comments were made during the public hearing and the hearing was closed at 8:35 a.m.

The Board next considered approval of Resolution 2024-01, including a discussion of setting rates for the 2024 irrigation season. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Sheppard and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2024-01. The Board also considered setting rates for the 2024 irrigation season. Mr. Earley observed that the Board can now go to the maximum aloud in the cost of service study and walked through the District's need for capital expenditures and projects that could be implemented in a full rate increase. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Sheppard and unanimously carried to set the 2024 irrigation season rate at \$31.00 per primary acre and \$0.70 per acre foot. The irrigation season rate for secondary landowners would be \$15.50 per secondary acre and \$0.35 per acre foot. The Decomp rate would be \$16.20 per acre and the wildlife and one flood rate would be \$16.20 per acre.

The Board next discussed expanding the investment portfolio. This was a discussion item with no action taken, but the Board direction to Mr. Earley was to about 50% of the District's surplus funds invested in treasury bills for 2 years.

The Board adjourned in to closed session at 8:59 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:45 a.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and Real Property Negotiators.

It was at this point in the meeting that the meeting was moved to the Richvale Church to conduct the annual landowner meeting. President Job, Mr. Earley and Mr. Cooper provided landowners an update of District activities and upcoming projects. They provided an overview of 2024 irrigation season and answered landowner questions that came up during the meeting.

No business was conducted at the annual landowner meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 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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