

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 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 Chase Steele and the District's treasurer Andy Stone.

The first item of business to be considered by the Board was adoption of the minutes of the special meeting dated March 16, 2023. Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by President Job the Board unanimously adopted the minutes with one correction, to correct the transfers and adjustments in the financial report from the March meeting.

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 Andy Stone with the assistance of Sean Earley and they introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$139,230.21. During the month of February 2023 there were disbursements of \$254,839.26, including payroll disbursements of \$46,956.58, payroll taxes of \$3,699.31, transfers and adjustments of \$-0-<sup>93,982.96</sup> and bank charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during February were \$117,877.17, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of February 2023 was \$190,826.33. 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.

Sean Early offered a report on the Joint Water Districts Board Meeting. The Joint Districts discussed the Water Master Job Description and the upcoming vacancy in the position of the Joint Districts Manager. The Joint Districts also discussed Lake Oroville operations and 100% supply for irrigation season in 2023 and the B-120 update. Mr. Earley described the work that is being conducted by the Joint Districts on A-Joint. Mr. Earley also reported on Biggs West Gridley Water Districts request for 15,000 acre feet for its secondary water users which will appear to be accommodated by Butte Water District and Sutter Extension Water District for 2023 alone. There was a similar request for an additional 15,000 acre feet by Biggs West Gridley Water District that may or may not be necessary for the irrigation season this year. The other items discussed by the Joint Districts will be covered by today's agenda.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report. Lake Oroville storage is at over 3 million acre feet. Statewide reservoirs are in good conditions. Concerning the system modernization project, Mr. Earley reported that the District will likely have to purchase into a mitigation bank to the tune of around \$40,000 to complete the project. That was an unexpected budget item and maybe included in the grant. Mr. Earley next reported on the potential need to delay the irrigation season to April 30, otherwise there may need to be a change order with the contractor to do concrete work to push that work into the October time period. After discussion the Board agreed that a delay in the start of the irrigation season to April 30, 2023 was appropriate. Finally, Mr. Earley reported on

a potential Proposition 218 Rate Study and the need for a consultant to analyze the Districts cost of service. After discussion the Board indicated their consent to begin the process and agendize for future consideration.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report. He advised the Board on the name change of the Firm, on the status of the water right bills in the legislature and the release of the substitute environmental impact statement for the Colorado River water shortage.

Turning to other business, the Board considered the Joint Water Districts Water Master job description. This document reflects a summary of what Donnie Stinnett currently does today. After further discussion and question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Sheppard and unanimously carried to accept the Water Master job description and proposed approach to filling the position.

The Board next considered the Districts share of the financial assurance set aside for the reclamation of Vance Avenue Pit #1. A motion was made by Director Sheppard seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to approve the budgeted adoption to comply with the Richvale Irrigation Districts share of the financial assurance set aside for Vance Avenue Pit #1, approved by the Joint Water Districts Board and Resolution 2023-1 in the amount of \$12,569.75 and to authorize the General manger to place in the District's budget accordingly.

The Board next considered the Districts share of the financial assurance set aside for the reclamation of Vance Avenue Pit #2. A motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Sheppard and unanimously carried to approve the budgeted adoption to comply with the Richvale Irrigation Districts share of the financial assurance set aside for Vance Avenue Pit #2, approved by the Joint Water Districts Board and Resolution 2023-2 in the amount of \$1,315.00 and to authorize the General manger to place in the District's budget accordingly.

The Board next received an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The GSA's met to consider hiring a consultant to recommend 3-5 options on how to generate funds necessary to implant SGMA in the Butte Subbasin and that effort was approved with the unanimous consent of the 11 GSA's.

There being no further open session business, the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 2:43 p.m., reconvened into open session at 3:29 p.m. During closed session Director Meyer left at 3:05 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and real property negotiators.



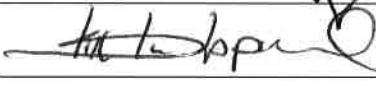
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:   
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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and taken at the foregoing meeting, our  
presence thereat and our consent thereto.

  
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