

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024, by President Job. All Directors were present. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, District's treasurer Andy Stone and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board next considered adoption of the March 21, 2024, special meeting. Upon a motion by Director Sheppard seconded by President Job 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 \$298,287.12. During the month of March 2024 there were disbursements of \$159,042.36 including payroll disbursements of \$51,719.97, payroll taxes of \$4,792.97 and bank charges of \$17.95. Cash Receipts during March were \$79,658.03, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of March 2024 was \$218,902.79. Director Sheppard questioned whether the District moved any money in its CD's or bonds and Mr. Earley responded that nothing has been moved yet but there was a discussion about going out and investing District surplus funds for 2 years, but in consultation with the District's financial advisor, Mr. Earley is waiting for the best timing to do something like that. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Sheppard seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer's report and authorized the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley provided a summary of the Joint Water District's Board meeting. Joint manger Renfree went over the 2024 water season and presented new reports. The Joint Districts discussed work on A-Joint and its progress. There was a discussion of a secondary water purchase for up to 15,000 acre feet for Biggs-West Gridley Water District. Mr. Cooper provided an overview of the status of the DCP Settlement Agreement which will be discussed later in this Agenda. Lastly, the Joint Districts shared an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Turning to a manager's report, Mr. Earley reported that Reservoir conditions look good everywhere in the state, but it appears that the weather pattern will be shifting potentially to a La Nina. Lake Oroville is currently at 3.2 million acre feet and Mr. Earley participates that the reservoir will fill this year. The Joint Districts received the official notification form the Department of Water Resources regarding full supply for the 2024 irrigation season.

Mr. Cooper provided an Attorney's report updating the Board on GCID's hiring of Jeff Sutton as the new General Manager and also on emergency water supply conditions at Nevada Irrigation District given a cascading series of issues by Pacific Gas and Electric.

Turning to business, the Board considered execution of an agreement concerning operations of the Delta Conveyance Project to protect stored water at Lake Oroville. Mr. Cooper walked through the agreement highlighting its key terms and provisions. After question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Sheppard and unanimously carried to authorize execution of the Delta Conveyance Project Settlement Agreement with DWR.

The Board received an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Earley reported that the GSA's are in the middle of a work plan to access and address DWR comments and the approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Mr. Earley also reported that the Tule Subbasin in the San Joaquin valley was on a vote of 5-0 by the State Water Resource Control Board and put into probationary status on Tuesday due to a failure to comply with the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act.

The Board next discussed the possible annexation of lands within the secondary service area. Mr. Earley reported that Carl Schohr expressed an interest in annexing 20 acres to the District that is serviced from the 833 drain. Mr. Earley offered his thoughts on the various alternatives and expressed his opinion that this supply of water is best done on a year to year basis as a surplus water use. After discussion, the Board gave direction to Mr. Earley to explore out of District service to the Schohr Ranch.

The board next discussed the cold water yield loss with payment and expenses for the 2022 harvest year. Mr. Earley reported on the payments received and expenses and reported that one a payment is received from Western Canal Water District he will pass through the cold water damages to affected growers.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened into open session 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 3:06 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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