

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023, by President Job. Directors Job and Sheppard were present and Director Meyer was absent. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper 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 regular meeting dated August 17, 2023. Upon a motion by President Job, seconded by Director Sheppard the Board adopted the minutes on the vote of two (2) ayes and one (1) absent.

President Job next allowed for 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.

The Treasurer's report was offered by Andy Stone and he introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$404,536.59. During the month of August, 2023 there were disbursements of \$200,981.56, including payroll disbursements of \$47,533.45, payroll taxes of \$3,636.32 and bank charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during August were \$9,449.61, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of August, 2023 was \$495,827.60. The Board and Mr. Stone discussed the District's investment in CD's and bonds of approximately \$2,500,000.00. Mr. Earley reported on a potential change in the presentation of the financial reports to reflect the District's investment of surplus funds. After further discussion and question and answer, a motion was made by Director Sheppard, seconded by President Job, and carried on a vote of two (2) ayes and one (1) absent to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley next provided a report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. The Joint Water District conducted candidate interviews for the upcoming vacancy and the Joint Water District's Manager/Water Master position. The Joint Water District also discussed SGMA implementation in the Butte Subbasin including updating the Board on ongoing discussions of the sharing of fees and costs amongst the GSAs. The Joint Water District also held closed session discussions on the same closed session topics that will be considered in this agenda later.

Mr. Earley next provided a Manager's and hydrology report. Lake Oroville's storage continues to be excellent at 138% of historic average. Mr. Early also provided an update on the system modernization project. Mr. Earley is in discussions with a SCADA expert. The sites for future SCADA data collection are being designed. This work will be done in tandem with the Joint Water District's Board and Mr. Earley continues to anticipate completion of the project by the end of October.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report updating the Board on the vacancy in the General Manager position at Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.

Turning to other business, the Board discussed the Asset Management Group 457 and 401(a) Plan. Mr. Earley reported that the District is in process of moving over to Asset Management Group. They are in the midst of a sixty-day waiting period. In November, the transition to a new financial advisor for the employees retirement accounts will be completed.

The Board next considered a proposal from Luhdorf & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers, on a Proposition 218 water rate increase proposal. Mr. Earley and Mr. Cooper walked the Board through the scope of work for Luhdorf & Scalmanini Engineers. Many of these tasks will not be necessary, either because they can be performed by Mr. Cooper's firm or because the Board is only proposing a rate increase and not an assessment at this time. After further discussion and question and answer, a motion was made by Director Sheppard, seconded by President Job, and carried on a vote of two (2) ayes and one (1) absent to authorize execution of a time and materials contract with Luhdorf & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 to have Luhdorf & Scalmanini prepare a cost of service study on behalf of the District.

Next, Mr. Earley updated the Board on the Asset Management Group bond laddered investment plan. Mr. Earley handed out a document showing the District's investments and CD's and bonds.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 2:23 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 2:54 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and Real Property Negotiators.


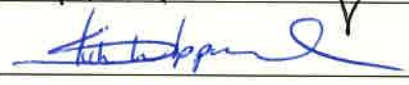
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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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