

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

The Special meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023, by Vice President Meyer. President Job was absent. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, District's treasurer Andy Stone and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The first item of business to be considered by the Board was adoption of the minutes of the special meeting dated October 19, 2023. Director Sheppard observed a correction to the minutes in the manager's report that the insertion of the word "not" should be added to the sentence "that the District would not likely see transfers in 2024". Upon a motion by Director Sheppard seconded by Director Meyer and passed on a vote of 2 ayes and 1 absent, the minutes were adopted with the noted correction.

Vice President Meyer 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 the District's Treasurer, Andy Stone. Mr. Stone introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$419,376.77. During the month of October 2023 there were disbursements of \$87,251.56, including payroll disbursements of \$45,380.34, payroll taxes of \$3,523.14 and bank charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during October were \$188,759.46, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of October 2023 was \$508,653.93. Director Meyer questioned the plant maintenance line item and Mr. Earley responded that that is mostly due to the emergency repair project and also obtained the general ledger for that line item of the budget and Mr. Earley explained that that is a catch all account with a number of large expenses including the emergency repair and the accusation of some Fresno valves. Mr. Earley reported that he is generally pleased with the budget performance this year and would have not been that far off except for unforecasted events. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Sheppard seconded by Director Meyer and passed on a vote of 2 ayes and 1 absent to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Turning to the report on the Joint Water District Meeting, Mr. Earley reported that that meeting will occur tomorrow, so at this point in time there is nothing for him to report.

Mr. Earley provided a manager's and hydrology report. Lake Oroville is at 68% of capacity and 133% of historic average. It is a good water year, and we have good carry over storage. Mr. Earley again reminded the Board that it is unlikely that there will be interest or demand for water transfers in 2024.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report advising the Board that his items will be covered in closed session.

Turning to items of business, the Board received an update from Mr. Earley on the System Modernization Project. He reported that the project is significantly over budget. Mr. Earley expressed concerns with David's Engineering and how they handled the distribution of funds including funding everyone else involved in the project and holding out funds for David's Engineering. The Board of Directors requested a thorough budget line by line to discuss and determine where the overages occurred, and the Board also directed Mr. Earley to have David's Engineering come and discuss with the Board of Directors in December given that the overages could have been caught earlier and communicated earlier.

Turning to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and report on the Butte Advisory Board meeting, Director Sheppard reported on two different meetings he attended on behalf of Richvale Irrigation District. The topics of discussion were how to share costs amongst the 11 GSA's within the Butte subbasin. No consensus on how to divide the total budget of approximately \$135,000 was achieved. Director Sheppard reported that he expressed support for an 80/20 split between fixed and groundwater pumping volumetric rates. Glenn County was the most vocal opposition to that, second to Colusa County Groundwater Authority. Director Sheppard reported that a fallback, that he could support is to split the fees equally amongst all the GSA's. The Board gave direction to Mr. Earley and Director Sheppard to continue to discuss options to share costs amongst the 11 GSA's.

The Board next discussed the draft proposition 218 cost of service process. Mr. Earley reported on various questions being asked by David's Engineering to prepare their analysis and cost of service report. Tentatively the numbers would suggest an increase in primary irrigation season acreage fee of \$31.00/acre and \$0.70 per acre foot used. Secondaries would be half those respective rates and the Fall water usage rate would be uniform for all landowners at \$15.50 per acre.

The meeting was adjourned into closed session at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 12:14 pm. Vice President Meyer announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and Real Property Negotiators.


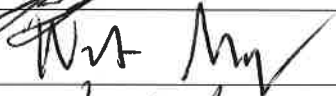
There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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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