

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All Directors Present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting dated December 20, 2018. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job asked for public comment on items within jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. No such comments were offered.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$386,541.19. During the month of December 2018 there were disbursements of \$755,408.37, including payroll disbursements of \$39,058.03, payroll taxes of \$2,479.71 and Bank Charges of \$30.95. Cash Receipts during December were \$942,232.65 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of December 2018 was \$221,263.14. Mr. Earley reported that the large cash receipts were the last payment from the 2018 water transfer totaling 10% of the transfer amount. Turning to the list of payables, Director Stone questioned why there was a purchase related to new software. Mr. Earley responded that the District's former financial software Peachtree is no longer supported so it has transitioned to QuickBooks. Mr. Earley reported that he is preparing a draft budget for the Board to consider at next month's meeting. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously accepted the Treasurer's report and authorized the payment of the bills.

Next, Mr. Earley offered a report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. The District representatives discussed the Vance Avenue reclamation bonds because of the clean up work at the site, the budget set aside numbers went down significantly. The new resolution for the 2019 calendar year will be presented at the next Board meeting. The Joint Districts also discussed voluntary agreements and Bay-Delta matters extensively and decided to share a counter proposal term sheet with the Department of Water Resources and other parties. The Joint Districts revisited Manager Donnie Stinnett's raise packet and increased his salary to \$80,000 per year and increased the one time performance bonus in 2018 to \$3,500. The Joint Districts discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act which will also be discussed later in this agenda.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report and hydrology report. The reservoir has come up 6 feet in 12 hours. There was a maximum 45,000 cfs for inflow. Forecast is somewhat dry but rainfall for January is above normal and the reservoir reflects that. Mr. Earley reported that the comprehensive needs assessment workgroup continues to meet. They continue to discuss the probable maximum flood requirement of the project of 750,000 cfs and currently the project only has permitting capacity to bypass 450,000 cfs leaving a deficiency of 300,000 cfs. There is discussion on how to remedy that deficiency within DWR this would include constructing a new spillway or continuing to improve the auxiliary spillway. The lower level outlet in the Dam is being discussed extensively and they are also considering the diversion tunnel construction and potential to reopen those and make them functioning outlets for the reservoir. Mr. Earley and DWR continue to be quiet about water supply impacts of modified operations at the reservoir but there will be a time later to raise that important issue.

Next, Mr. Earley reported that Lords Gym is giving corporate rates for employees and Mr. Earley believes that the District might be able to secure a grant from JPIA under its wellness program to cover the costs of employee memberships at Lords Gym. The cost would be \$20.00 per month per employee. President Job questioned if the District were to approve and allow this benefit to employees, whether there would be a corresponding decrease in the rates of insurance for the District. Mr. Earley answered that it may qualify for a wellness grant from ACWA JPIA and it may also afford the District an opportunity to re-rate because of the lack of claims. After further discussion upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to investigate and approve in the General

Managers discretion a corporate membership to Lords Gym in Oroville, CA.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report updating the Board on ongoing litigation being pursued by Stanford Vina Ranch Irrigation Company. Mr. Cooper also reported on a number of lawsuit filings concerning the Phase 1 Bay-Delta plan update.

Turning to other business, Mr. Earley offered a report on the property improvement project. The District's contractor Hayden Leen has provided comments to the engineer and plans are back with the County under further review. It is likely that the District will break ground in the next week or so.

Mr. Earley next provided a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act update. He reported that things continue to be moving in the right direction. The District is almost at the end of the public comment period for its proposed basin boundary modification and indications are that the modification proposal is being well received. Mr. Earley reported that Davids Engineering conducted a back of the envelope assessment of reprioritization of the basin in the event of the ultimate acceptance of the basin boundary modification and reported that the basin is very sustainable.

The Board next discussed the 2018 water transfer reimbursement. Mr. Earley reminded the Board that it provided direction at the last Board meeting to Legal Counsel to write an invoice for admin reimbursement. Mr. Cooper prepared that invoice and in reply the State Water Project Contractors disagreed and refused to pay the invoiced amount. Instead, the buyers paid approximately \$48,000 to Richvale Irrigation District which reflects the undisputed payment. That payment is in the mail. Mr. Cooper offered an overview of the terms of the agreement signed by the District. In his opinion, the District is entitled to much more in admin reimbursement for the expenses incurred as a result of preparing an EIR, and in fact, under the buyers' interpretation it results in the District receiving actually less money than had the District simply not negotiated for additional admin reimbursement for the EIR. After considerable discussion the Board members provided direction to staff and Legal Counsel to convey sentiments to Curtis Creel, the General Manger of Kern County Water Agency, one of the purchasers of the 2018 transfer water.

The Board next discussed the potential 2019 budget. Mr. Earley reminded the Board that he is working on a draft and will present that at the next Board meeting. Concerning cold water disbursements, Mr. Earley reported that he will be disbursing payments totaling \$184,822.78 to landowners that suffered yield loss.


The Board next considered LAFCO elections. Tom Lando was elected and had to resign given his position as Interim City Manager of the City of Oroville. Thus for the seat has been vacant, and needs to be filled with a new candidate. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously casted its votes for Al McGreyin for the LAFCO Board seat.

The Board next considered a creation of an Operation Manager position. Mr. Earley reported that this is to elevate the Doyle Carter, an employee of the District who would be no longer considered hourly and would transition to a salary exempt position. Doyle is interested in flattening out the payments under his paycheck and he would like the title that comes with the position. After considerable discussion upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously authorized the creations of a Water Operations Manager position with a salary range commiserate with the excepted current year hourly wage for Doyle Carter.


There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:14 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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







**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All other Directors present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper. No members of the public were present.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting dated January 17, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

President Job asked for public comment on items within jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. No such comments were offered.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$331,399.80. During the month of January 2019 there were disbursements of \$3,080,936.17, including payroll disbursements of \$73,071.32, payroll taxes of \$5,586.94 and Bank Charges of \$30.95. Cash Receipts during January were \$70,730.05 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of January 2019 was \$461,475.36. Mr. Earley noted that the District earned \$42,779.87 in quarterly interest. In the last 6 year period the District has gone from an ending cash balance of \$2.3 million to just over \$5 million. Mr. Earley attributes this to the financial stewardship of the Board and influx of water transfer revenue. President Job questioned the different format of the financial statements, and Mr. Earley responded that it is because the District has transitioned to the QuickBooks program. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously accepted the Treasurers' report and authorized the payment of the warrants.

Mr. Early offered the update on the Joint Water Districts Board meeting. The Joint Districts discussed the Vance Avenue property and continuing to improve that facility for the use of the Districts. A D6 dozer was rented to build a road to be able to create a circle drive for loading trucks. Mr. Earley encouraged the Directors go to the site and look at the progress. The Joint Districts discussed the bankruptcy filing by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Mr. Earley believes that a number of PG&E assets including power projects and water rights could be liquidated as part of this proceeding. Mr. Cooper was instructed to monitor developments in that case and note any items that may be in interest to the Joint Districts. Also discussed was the Hazelbush ownership, the old water delivery canal off of the Feather River. Title to the property was listed in Biggs West Gridley Water District, but the District unanimously confirmed that that property is considered joint works subject to the A-joint percentages. The Joint Districts discussed Oroville operations and the fact that we are likely to see the new spillway operate in the near future. The Joint Districts next discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act which will be discussed later today in this Agenda. Lastly, the Joint Water Districts approved a budget that includes a number of work items that, weather permitting, will be undertaken this coming year.

Mr. Earley next offered a hydrology report. Lake Oroville is currently at 77% of average and 53% of capacity. Precipitation is 120% of average at the 8-station index. The forecast looks wet again. Mr. Earley reported a discussion with Eric Chapman and Steve Hersch regarding potential water transfers in 2019. Given wet conditions there is no buyer demand at this time for purchasing water at elevated water transfer pricing.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report on four items. First, Mr. Cooper reported on the proposed enlargement on Shasta Dam to create approximately 600,000 acre feet of new storage. Second, Mr. Cooper reported on the outcome of the land following litigation and that Oakdale Irrigation District ultimately lost that case. Mr. Cooper observed that it was a good decision by this District to prepare a transfer EIR for a 5-year period. Third, Mr. Cooper reported on pending legislation concerning the agriculture exception under the California Endangered Species Act. Lastly, Mr. Cooper provided a report on the status and efforts of Paradise Irrigation District to recover from the 2018 Camp Fire.

Turning to items of business, the District received an audit fee proposal from Horton, McNulty and Saetern LLP. Two options were presented: (1) conducting a 1 year audit for \$6,200 or (2) preparing a 3 year audit for \$6,100 per year. Mr. Earley recommends the 3 year option. After discussion amongst the Board a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to accept the 3 year option and authorize Mr. Earley to execute necessary documents.

Mr. Earley next provided an update on the property improvement project. The District's contractor has broken ground and is currently working on underground improvements. Mr. Earley still is waiting final building plan approvals from the County to actually begin work on the new structure. Concerning septic, the plan is to add an additional tank to accommodate expanded use.

Mr. Earley offered an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The Butte Subbasin received final approval from the Department of Water Resources. The District will next look to basin prioritization and scientific justification for a potential adjustment in the priority of the subbasin. David's Engineering has prepared a back of the envelop analysis that indicates the rating of the subbasin should be an 11 which would rank it as a low priority subbasin. On April 5, 2019 the Butte County will be conducting a SGMA update in Corning concerning inter and intra subbasin communications. Mr. Earley noted that he would like to authorize a \$200 donation to the County to supply lunch for this meeting. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously authorized the manager to provide a \$200 donation for this meeting.

Moving to the proposed 2019 draft budget. Mr. Earley provided an overview of his draft which includes a 1% increase in the overall budget. Mr. Earley observed that the property improvement project is separately called out and invoices will be shown monthly as expenses begin to come in. Concerning District equipment, the backhoe and other utilities are good for now. Eventually, in the near term, the District will need to consider acquiring new equipment, but that is not expected this year. After considerable discussion, upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously adopted the 2019 budget as presented.

Mr. Earley provided an overview of the upcoming Joint Landowner Meeting to be held on March 28, 2019 at Lundberg Family Farms. Kevin Phillips, general manager of Paradise Irrigation District, will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Earley is also interested in conducting a Richvale only landowner meeting in addition to the joint meeting to speak directly to Richvale Irrigation District issues. After discussion the Board settled on conducting a Richvale only landowner meeting on March 21, 2019 before the regular Board of Directors meeting. The landowner meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the special Board meeting of the Directors will be held immediately upon on the conclusion of the landowner meeting.

Mr. Earley next reported on the Butte Habitat Conservation Plan. The Butte County LAFCO and the Butte County Association of Governments have been pushing for this plan for about 10 years now. Mr. Earley has significant concerns with the plan in particular about using farmland as a mitigation bank for new development. The Butte County Farm Bureau has expressed similar concerns and have provided written objections to the plans. After further motion upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously directed Mr. Earley to withdraw support for the plan and to have Legal Counsel and Mr. Earley prepare a notification letter to that affect.

The Board next considered the budget set aside for the Vance Avenue Pit 1 and Pit 2 mines. Before the Board are two resolutions setting forth the District's share of the budget set aside. Resolution 2019-1 is for Pit 1 and is in the amount of \$7,411.06. Resolution 2019-2 is for Pit 2 and is in the amount of \$486.31. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously approved the budget amendments as reflected in Resolution 2019-1 and Resolution 2019-2 to comply with Richvale Irrigation Districts share of the financial assurance and set aside that was approved by the Joint Water Districts Board.

Last item of open session business was a reminder by Mr. Earley that the Board is scheduled to conduct ethics and sexual harassment training on February 28, 2019 in Gridley. The

training will be conducted by Andrew McClure of the Minasian Law Firm.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into close session at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:43 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

The Special Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors at 11:07 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019, immediately following the Richvale Irrigation District Landowner Meeting that was held at the Richvale Evangelical Free Church. Director Meyer was also present; Director Stone arrived late. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley and District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard. Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper appeared by phone. No members of the public were present.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting dated February 21, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by President Job, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

President Job asked for public comment on items within jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. No such comments were offered.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$469,884.52. During the month of February 2019 there were disbursements of \$346,630.81, including payroll disbursements of \$36,738.20, payroll taxes of \$2,818.76 and Bank Charges of \$66.95. Cash Receipts during February were \$293,936.11 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of February 2019 was \$346,630.81. Director Meyer inquired about two accounts payable checks to David's Engineering and NorthStar Engineering in relatively large amounts. Mr. Earley explained that both David's Engineering and Northstar Engineering were incurred for the Infrastructure Improvement Project and are fully reimbursable under the grant. President Job inquired about a warrant to Weimer & Son and Mr. Earley explained that it was for road base. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by President Job, the Board unanimously accepted the Treasurer's report and authorized the payment of the warrants. The motion carried on a vote of two ayes and one absent. It was at this point that Director Stone started attending the meeting

Director Meyer offered the update on the Joint Water Districts Board meeting. The Joint Districts discussed the Joint Working Agreement for the recently purchased Vance Avenue property. The 2018 Hydrology Report was approved. Four bids were considered for masticator work on the A-Joint of the Sutter Butte Main Canal. Mooretown Rancheria was the selected bid for \$180/hr. and not to exceed \$8,500 for the entirety of this project. Inter-District Water Transfer prices were also discussed and the Board elected to keep the pricing the same. Director Nevis will continue the search for a newer loader as the old loader is starting to become costly to maintain. Lastly, the Board discussed bringing back the Joint BBQ. It was decided that each District take it back to their respective Boards and then bring the item back for the April meeting.

Mr. Earley next offered a hydrology report. Lake Oroville is currently at 103% of average and 75% of capacity. Precipitation is 132% of average at the 8-station index. The forecast looks wet again. Mr. Earley reported on the Estimated Full Natural Flow for the Feather River Report done by MBK Engineering. As of March 6th both the 50% and 90% exceedances are well above the necessary 2.5 MAF, which is one of the two possible drought criteria to qualify a full supply for next year. It is expected that the District will receive full supply in 2019 and one of the two drought conditions will not be possible in the 2020 irrigation season given wet weather in 2019. Mr. Earley reminded the Board that Form 700's are due on April 2nd.

It is at this point in the meeting that Mr. Cooper phoned in.

Turning to items of business, Mr. Earley provided an update on the property improvement project. The District's contractor has broken ground and is currently working on underground improvements. Mr. Earley still is waiting final building plan approvals from the County to begin work on the new structure. He has been in contact with Butte County Environmental Health and they are pushing their approval through. This is the last step to a final Plan.

Mr. Earley offered an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. A meeting between the Joint Districts and the DWR occurred on March 20th where the Districts discussed SGMA related terms via the Voluntary Agreement Term Sheet. Discussion items included reclassifying the Butte Subbasin as low priority and expanding the place of use for the Districts' surface water rights to potentially allow for local water transfers. The discussion went well. Negotiators are in process of scheduling more meetings to resolve the terms. Director Stone inquired about how Districts that are GSAs will coordinate on an interbasin level. Mr. Earley and Mr. Cooper who was on the phone explained that their will be little if any interbasin coordination.

Mr. Earley provided an overview of the upcoming Joint Landowner Meeting to be held on March 28, 2019 at Lundberg Family Farms. He inquired as to what the Board wanted him to Present on. The Board suggested that the same presentation that was given at the Richvale Landowner Meeting would be adequate.

Moving on to the Butte Habitat Conservation Plan. Based on new information that Mr. Earley obtained through Counsel he decided to bring the issue in front of the Board before pulling the District completely out of the Plan. It was decided that Mr. Earley and Mr. McClure from Minasian Law Firm research the outcomes of both remaining as a participant under the Plan or withdrawing from the plan. Mr. Earley has significant concerns with pulling out if the plan goes forward and the District loses its seat at the table. Director Meyer inquired about the voting structure of the HCP. Mr. Earley was going to research that as well and will report back to the Board.

Next the Board considered the 2019 Amendment to the Joint Operating Agreement, which designates the Vance Avenue Property & Mining Permits as Joint Works. Mr. Cooper went through the document to introduce it to the Board. After discussion and question and answer, Director Meyer motioned and Director Stone seconded to Authorize the Execution of the 2019 Amendment to the Joint Operating Agreement for the Vance Avenue property. The motion was unanimous.


There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into close session at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 1:04 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

Attest a true record of proceedings had and taken at the foregoing meeting, our presence thereat and our consent thereto.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019, by Walter Meyer, Vice-President of the Board of Directors. President Lyle Job was absent. All other Directors present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Director Gary Stone and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper. No members of the public were present.

The first item of business was to allow 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 Board next considered approval of the minutes from the special meeting held on March 21, 2019 and the Joint Landowner meeting with Western Canal Water District held on March 28, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$355,499.51. During the month of March 2019 there were disbursements of \$197,906.06, including payroll disbursements of \$38,646.31, payroll taxes of \$2,956.44 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during March were \$76,212.31 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of March 2019 was \$262,488.90. Mr. Earley reported that \$7,897.00 was moved backed into the Districts LAIF account. That was purposely done in keeping with the good interest rates at LAIF. This is the point at which the District begins to receive revenue again as water signups are coming in and those invoices are paid in advance. After further discussion amongst the Board and staff, a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Next, Mr. Earley provided a report on the Joint Water Districts Board meeting. The Joint Districts discussed four items. First, the Internal Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of the Vance Avenue property. Sutter and Richvale have approved the Internal Agreement while Butte Water District and Biggs West Gridley Water District will consider approval of the agreement at their upcoming Board meetings. Second, the Joint Water Districts continues to meet and discuss voluntary agreement matters including an upcoming meeting tomorrow concerning sharing the 50,000 acre feet feather obligation. Third, the Joint Water Districts Board okayed a BBQ. The location of the event and the date will be coming later. Lastly, the Joint Water Districts discussed the Habitat Conservation plan for Butte County.

Mr. Earley next presented his managers report. Lake Oroville storage is over 3 million acre feet and an elevation of 867 feet. There was a 9,500 cfs release. The scaffolding on the spillway is so that engineers can review the spillway following its use earlier this month. The precipitation for the month of April is about average.

Mr. Cooper did not offer an attorney report. Instead, he will report on items in closed session.

Turning to items of business the Board first discussed the property improvement project. Mr. Earley reported that the permits have been okayed by the County. The slab has been poured and framing will begin next Tuesday. Mr. Earley believes that the District is on track to be done in July and that BUCRA is okay with that timing. Lastly, Mr. Earley reported that the District ought to consider putting solar onto the building to offset the new energy load, but that can be considered at a future date.

The Board next discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Memorandum of Understanding. This would be an agreement amongst the GSA's in the Butte subbasin to prepare a one plan. A draft has been provided for consideration beginning discussion on governance and other issues. Mr. Earley will provide a draft to Mr. Cooper for legal review. The goal of the GSA's is to have this agreement finalized and in place in approximately June.

Turning to the Butte Regional Conservation Plan, Mr. Earley reported that he has been working with Andrew McClure of the Minasian Law Firm. Many of the issues that the District previously had concerns with now have been resolved and addressed. The District and other water agencies will have a total of four seats on the Joint Powers Agreement Board of Directors. These Districts include Biggs West Gridley Water District, Butte Water District, Western Canal Water District and Richvale Irrigation District. Given this representation, Mr. Earley is more comfortable with the District continuing to participate in the Habitat Conservation Plan. The Farm Bureau and Cattleman's Association will likely continue to stay in an opposition position.


Turning to the next item of business, Afton Road Flume, Mr. Early offered an update reminding the Board that this issue continues to remain unresolved. Kathy Walton, a landowner, has tried to organize landowners to address the issues and lack of maintenance with the flume. One option is to have the landowners assess themselves and pay to have the facility brought up to current building standards and codes. The other option is to remove the flume, particularly given that it has not been utilized by the landowners for a number of years. Mr. Earley's preference is to just have the flume removed and is asking for the Board's support if that ultimately is the landowners' recommended approach. Mr. Earley reminded the Board that the District has not used the facility for over 4-5 years. Given the ongoing nature of this issue and Jeff Meith's familiarity with it, the Board of Directors instructed Mr. Earley to reach out to Mr. Meith to get his input on potentially removing the facility.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:21 p.m. Vice-President Meyer announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.


The last item of business was a request by Mr. Earley to consider a contribution to the Water Education Foundation in the amount of \$580.00. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously authorized a contribution to the Water Education Foundation in the amount of \$580.00.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

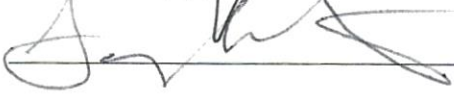
Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All other Directors present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and member of the public, Gene Harris.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the regular meeting dated April 18, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Stone and carried by a vote of two (2) ayes and one (1) abstain, the minutes were approved as presented. President Job abstained from the vote given that he was not in attendance at that meeting.

The Board next offered an opportunity to allow 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.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$262,488.90. During the month of April 2019 there were disbursements of \$84,447.86, including payroll disbursements of \$36,738.21, payroll taxes of \$2,818.74 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during April were \$190,112.77 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of April 2019 was \$304,932.24.

Mr. Earley observed that interest earnings alone this year are expected to be approximately \$100,000. Director Meyer questioned if the cold water expense of approximately \$184,000 is for one year and Mr. Earley answered that yes, that is correct. The Board then engaged into a discussion about the continuing increase in expenses for administration for the cold water program and the possibility of having a discussion with the State Water Contractors to revisit the settlement to reduce the consultant expense. After further question and answer, a motion was made by Director Stone, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Early did not offer a report on the Joint Water District meeting given that there was no meeting for the month of May.

My. Earley next offered his manager's and hydrology report. Oroville storage is almost 10 feet in elevation from the top of storage. DWR operators are trying to maintain that elevation through the use of Hyatt Powerhouse in lieu of the spillway. In the event the spillway ultimately has to be used there will be a 48-hour notice.

Mr. Earley next reported on the possibility of a prevented plant claim throughout the District. Doyle Carter looked up the magnitude of the potential problem and observed that about 20% of the District remains unplanted. If that were to continue that would result in a potential 20% cut to the revenue of the District.

Mr. Earley reported on a potential Richvale Main Easement that would require the District to be responsible for any cleanup or maintenance efforts on the ditch that goes through the Stevens' property. These are properties that are not within Richvale Irrigation District but are served through this facility that the District does own. The District received an invoice from Western Canal Water District for \$18,972.10. After considerable discussion amongst the Board and staff, ultimately Mr. Cooper was asked to review the historical documents and render opinion on whether the District is responsible in this case and in any future maintenance activities moving forward.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report providing updates to the Board on the status of Paradise Irrigation District and its continued recovery efforts from the Camp Fire. Mr. Cooper also provided an update on the State Mandates litigation matter and on Phase 1 Bay-Delta Plan litigation matters.

Turning to other business, Mr. Earley offered a property improvement project update. Following the adjournment of this meeting, Mr. Earley would like to show the Directors the progress of the construction of the District's new office building. They are now fully framed and beginning to put electrical in, stub out for phone, fiber and solar. Concrete will be poured soon. Overall, the project continues to be on pace for the estimated July completion.

Mr. Earley next provided an update on the Butte Regional Conservation Plan. Mr. Earley continues to work with Andrew McClure and the Minasian Law Firm on issue spotting the document and flushing out concerns. Mr. Earley remains of the opinion that this is not an ideal document, but he is comfortable given that agricultural interests will have a significant number of seats on the Habitat Conservation Plan Board. Mr. Earley anticipates bringing the completed Habitat Conservation Plan to the Board for their review at a future Board meeting.


Mr. Earley next reported on the Afton Road Flume. He was able to speak with Jeff Meith yesterday. Mr. Meith suggested a 30-45 day notice that the facility is going to be removed given lack of landowner funds for maintenance and upkeep. Mr. Meith also suggested that a letter be drafted to affected landowners identifying the concerns with flood hazards and erosion. This facility has not been used for 4-5 years and that many landowners have asked that the facility be removed given that it is causing damage to the adjacent properties. Mr. Earley will work on that draft letter and ask Mr. Cooper to review it before it is transmitted to landowners.

The Board next discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The GSAs in the Butte subbasin continue to meet and discuss governance options. An MOU has been prepared and reviewed by Mr. Cooper and comments have been largely accepted by the other counties. The next step in that process is for the other GSA parties to have the document reviewed by their Legal Counsel. Concerning basin prioritization, the Butte subbasin received a tentative medium classification. The GSAs working with Legal Counsel and David's Engineering are preparing comments that are critical of that conclusion. GSA's in the subbasin believe that sufficient technical support exists for the basin to be classified as a low priority. Mr. Earley reported that the county has spent about \$750,000 of its grant funding for SGMA implementation. That leaves a balance of approximately another \$750,000 to complete the plans. Mr. Earley believes that the county is in a good position financially to complete SGMA on time and fully utilize grant funds.

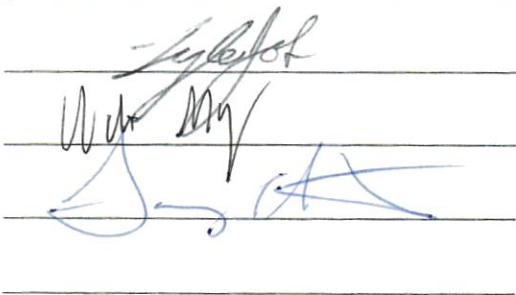
There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 2:41 p.m. and reconvened into open session 3:26 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned ay 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All other Directors present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Office Manager Shelby Watts, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and members of the public, Kathy Walton, George Sligar and Kalah Horton the District's auditor.

The first item of business was to consider the regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2019 and upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone the meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Item 9(f) of business, the presentation to the Board regarding the final 2018 financial audit, was moved up in the agenda to accommodate Ms. Horton's schedule. Ms. Horton walked the Board of Directors through the auditor's report, the Board report and related documents. She pointed out that six adjustments were made, mostly because of the timing of differences when entries are made in the District's accounting software. She also noted that one correction was made related to an understatement of accrued payroll also relating to timing of when the entry was made in the District's accounting software. After considerable discussion amongst the Board and Ms. Horton, the Board accepted the auditor's report and filed it in the District's records.

Next item 9(c), the Afton Road Flume matter was moved up in the agenda to accommodate interested members of the public Kathy Walton and George Sligar. Mr. Earley introduced the topic reminding the Board that this process began years ago when the District first attempted to secure the consent of secondary landowners to pay for the cost to bring the flume up to current code requirements. That effort was unsuccessful. Now the District is proposing to remove the flume and recently sent a letter to secondary landowners advising them of the District's tentative decision and asking for any comments or concerns from those landowners. The District is in the midst of the period identified in the letter for the District to receive comments or concerns. Ms. Walton commented about the disrepair to the flume and that it is causing damage to her adjoining property. She noted that she does not receive any benefit from this facility and instead is only receiving damage given the state of its disrepair. Mr. Sligar stated that no maintenance of the facility has occurred in the last 30 years, which should be the responsibility of the benefited landowners downstream that receive water from the facility. He believes that only one time there has been maintenance and that was to remove primrose from the downstream canal section a number of years ago. Mr. Sligar also raised the question that if the project is abandoned, who would fill in the ditch and undertake the expense of securing adequate soil to fill in the ditch. Mr. Earley responded that the District can not find any record of any District interests, easements or rights of way in those facilities and, consequently, it would not be the District's responsibility. There was a considerable discussion between Ms. Walton, Mr. Sligar and the Board of Directors and ultimately Mr. Earley reminded the Board that we are in the midst of a public review and comment period and that this matter will be agendized again at the July Board meeting for any further landowner input and questions.

Returning to the normal order of the agenda, President Job asked for public comment on items within Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. No such comments were offered.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$304,932.24. During the month of May 2019 there were disbursements of \$143,414.93, including payroll disbursements of \$54,674.05, payroll taxes of \$4,420.34 and Bank Charges of \$171.95. Cash Receipts during May were \$485,748.87 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of May 2019 was \$618,759.95. President Job questioned a line item in the financial report about 88% of Spring rice water. Mr. Earley responded that the actual number is about 90%, down 10% given the wet Spring and the amount of prevented planting claims. This translates in a loss to the District of about \$60,000 to \$70,000. Nonetheless, Mr. Earley believes that there is an adequate buffer in the budget so that the District should be fine and continue to be within budget constraints. After further discussion with questions and answer amongst the Board, ultimately a motion was made by Director Stone

seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley next offered a report on the June 2019 Joint Water District Board meeting. The Joint Districts discussed seepage and is working on a Public Records Act Request to the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency for information concerning their levy work and any potential changes to groundwater movement as a result. The Joint Districts discussed Bay-Delta matters in closed session. The Joint Districts also discussed co-tenancies and potential interest in adding limitations on any rights of assignment or transfer in the event that one District becomes insolvent or wishes to sell its assets including its water rights. Lastly Mr. Earley reported that the Joint Districts readopted the Vance Avenue resolutions and the budget set asides to accommodate slight language changes requested by the State Mining Department.

My. Earley next offered his manager's and hydrology report. Lake Oroville storage is still coming up and its currently at 895.3 feet. All reservoirs statewide are looking good. Mr. Earley also presented on the final permitted plant numbers in the District.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorneys reported on two items. First, Mr. Cooper updated the Board on Paradise Irrigation District and their ongoing efforts to recover from the Camp Fire and, second, he reported on a new water index with the NASDAQ Exchange that tracks the pricing of California water transfers.

Turning to items of other business, Mr. Earley provided a property improvement project update advising the Board that he approved a change order of legitimate changes that were necessary because of plan amendments and improvements to the project. The total change orders amounted to just less than \$20,000 and with these factored in a new project total is approximately \$456,000.

Mr. Earley next updated the Board on the Butte County Habitat Conservation Plan. Congressman LaMalfa has expressed concerns with the Butte HCP and appears to not be in favor of it. The concerns of the Congressman appear to align with many of the concerns of the District. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Earley is under the opinion that the District is still best off to stay in in the HCP process and to monitor it given the robust amount agricultural representation on the HCP Board.

Turning to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Cooper walked the Board through the draft cooperation agreement amongst the various GSAs in the Butte Subbasin designed to prepare one sustainability plan. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, and unanimously carried to authorize execution of the SGMA Cooperation Agreement subject to final agreement as to terms by the General Manager and legal counsel as to form. Mr. Earley also reported that a basin boundary reprioritization comment letter was put together by David's Engineering and Legal Counsel and that a response to that letter is expected sometime in the Summer of 2019.

The Board next considered resolution of number 2019-01, placing in nomination, Sean Earley as a member of the Association of California Water Agency Region 2 Board. A motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2019-01.

There being no further open session business, the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:54 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:18 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT


By




SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All other Directors present. Other officers, staff and members of the public present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and Gene Harris.

The Board first considered approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on June 20, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job asked 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.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$618,759.95. During the month of June 2019 there were disbursements of \$260,887.55, including payroll disbursements of \$44,626.05, payroll taxes of \$3,422.14 and Bank Charges of \$51.95. Cash Receipts during June were \$91,003.35 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of June 2019 was \$426,605.22. Mr. Earley observed that last month was an expensive month, but most of that, approximately \$130,000, was for the building project and \$77,000 was for reimbursement to Butte Water District for secondary landowners' purchase of water from Butte. After further discussion and question and answer concerning the treasurer's report and the list of payables, a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Director Meyer and Mr. Cooper reported on the Joint Water District Boards' tour of the Delta and the State Water Project and Central Valley Project facilities.

Mr. Earley offered a manager's report. He reported that DWR is beginning to increase its diversions from storage at Lake Oroville. It appears that DWR is modifying its customary operations of the project, likely because of the amendment to the Coordinated Operations Agreement. Nonetheless, Mr. Earley does not anticipate any fall water issues. Mr. Earley reported that he would like to send a letter to landowners concerning capacity issues in the District's canals and request of landowners to minimize spills to reduce any wait times or other capacity constraints. The Board was okay with Mr. Earley sending such a letter to request more conscientiousness regarding spills from the fields. Mr. Earley offered a grant update, reporting that he continues to work on the environmental documents with North State Engineering. He received a one-year extension from the state on the grant funding and he expects that all the environmental review and necessary documents will be completed, and work will be undertaken hopefully beginning this Fall.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report. He updated the Board on pending legislation including SB1, the proposed water tax and AB315. Mr. Cooper also reported along with Mr. Earley on the issue that has arisen with the Stevens Property and Western Canal Water District. This matter concerns landowners of Western Canal Water District that pay water fees to Western, but are served through Richvale Irrigation District's facilities without a wheeling charge. The question under these historic arrangements is who bears the expense - either District or both Districts - to repair and replace farm gate deliveries and field intakes. Mr. Cooper has a conflict of interest given his representation of both Districts, and both Districts have now signed informed written consent letters to allow Mr. Cooper to proceed with advising on which District or Districts are responsible for payment. This will likely be an agenda item for further discussion at a future board meeting.

Turning to items of business, Mr. Earley provided an update on the property improvement project. The District has paid about 2/3 of the total contract. There have been no other change orders requested or approved by Mr. Earley. Pacific Gas and Electric has been difficult to work with. The District's original application lapsed, and he had to resubmit. Mr. Earley invited the Board to participate in the tour of the facilities after the Board meeting

concludes.

Mr. Earley next offered an Afton Road Flume update. As a reminder, the District sent a letter to all secondary landowners requesting comment or concerns. There are three more days remaining under the District's 45 day comment period. The only comments received thus far are the comments received at the last Board meeting from George Sligar and Kathy Walton. Mr. Earley did speak with one landowner who questioned whether this facility, if improved, could move more water in the Spring, but Mr. Earley advised the landowner that even with extensive improvements to the flume there are still canal capacity issues upstream that would prevent more water deliveries in the Spring.

The Board next discussed its water rates given a new cropping pattern in Richvale Irrigation District primary service area. The new crop is Hemp. Mr. Earley reminded the Board that the cost of service study assumed that the sole crop in the District was rice. The District will need to consider adjusting its rate and potentially its methodology the next time it undertakes a Proposition 218 rate changing process. For the time being the District's rates and methodology is locked in even for new crops. Mr. Earley believes that the District will see a continued shift to alternate crops moving forward given the values being discussed.

The Board next received an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Earley reported that the GSA representatives will be meeting again on July 25, 2019 to discuss any further edits to the Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Earley expects that to be signed and complete in August. Mr. Earley is working on revising the District SGMA portal information given that it is now located in a new subbasin. Mr. Earley, Mr. Cooper and District's engineering firm, David's Engineering, continue to work on comments to the Butte Subbasin's prioritization. It is Mr. Earley's view that DWR has inappropriately adjusted its methodology to keep the Basin at a medium priority. He hopes that with technical support and discussions with senior DWR management, they can demonstrate the basin is a low priority status.


There being no further open session business, the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:50 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All other Directors present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper, Gene Harris and members of the public Charley Sheppard and Chuck Sheppard.

The meeting was brought to order by President Job and to accommodate the public visitors, the public comment item was moved up to the first item of business. President Job asked for public comment on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. Charley Sheppard and Chuck Sheppard took this opportunity to report they are having an issue with a dam in Drain 100. When Richvale Irrigation District delivers water in the Fall, the dam impounds water too high and as a result the Sheppards cannot dry their fields up. They asked that Richvale Irrigation District, when it delivers water, ensure that it does not cause damage. Mr. Earley reported that in 2013/2015 timeframe the dam was redone. It is owned by another landowner and the District has no interest in the facility. Nonetheless, the District does have rules and one of those rules is an effort by the District to not put water in a drain by a field when someone is harvesting or at a period of time where it cannot accept seepage water. The District can make a decision whether or not to put any more water into the facility, but it cannot govern the operation of a private dam. In this particular instance the District has not contributed any sweet water into the drain, yet the water elevations are still too high. Mr. Earley's solution that was agreeable to the landowners is to convene a meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District, Drainage District 100 and the applicable landowners to discuss a solution.

Returning to the sequence of the agenda, the Board considered approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on July 18, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$426,605.22. During the month of July 2019 there were disbursements of \$200,772.89, including payroll disbursements of \$41,568.21, payroll taxes of \$3,188.25 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during July were \$42,526.61 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of July 2019 was \$222,048.15. Mr. Earley offered a couple additional observations, \$121,000 out of the \$155,000 general disbursements is for the property improvement project. After further discussion and question and answer, a motion was ultimately made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley next offered a report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. First, the Joint District's has a good discussion on seepage issues and the B&C joints of the Sutter Butte Canal in the vicinity of Larkin Road. Current thinking is that it has something to do with the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency and their slurry wall project to the Feather River Levees in the area.

The Looney Gate Project is being proposed by Sutter Extension Water District. There are issues of concern regarding ownership of the facility, obligation to maintain, how new capacity, if any, is treated and liability given that seepage and canal breakage issues already exist downstream. Mr. Cooper, Mr. Orme and Mr. Phillips will be meeting separately to begin working through the issues and will report back to the Joint Water Districts Board.

Mr. Earley offered a manager and hydrology report. Oroville Storage is 2.9 million acre feet. He attended a recent comprehensive needs assessment meeting where there was a discussion about the gated and emergency spillways and a discussion of spillway ramp operations. Concerning water supply, many folks are wondering why the dam continues to hold so much water. Mr. Earley continues to try to educate people about the water supply impacts of modified Oroville operations. The targeted low point for the facility used to be about 1.6 million acre feet and will now be 2.2 million acre feet, likely because of the change to the Coordinated

Operations Agreement and the in basin sharing ratios between the State Water Project and Central Valley Project.

Mr. Earley next offered a property improvement project update. The project was originally scheduled to be completed by July 6, however, there has been extensive issues with permitting and with Pacific Gas and Electric Company. He hopes to have the PG&E issues resolved shortly and likely in the next few weeks. This is the only outstanding item before receiving a final occupancy permit from the County. The Board walked through bids for various flooring options. There is a vinyl or concrete grinding options. Mr. Earley recommends the concrete approach given its more durable and there is less maintenance. Lastly, Mr. Earley reported that he has 2-3 potential empty offices that are available for rent and wants to put this issue onto the minds of the Directors to begin thinking about whether they wish to rent the offices or not.

Mr. Early next offered an update on Afton Road Flume removal project. The District is now past the 45-day comment period. There were no additional comments, either supportive or negative submitted. Mr. Earley's next task will be to receive a couple of bids to remove the facility. A motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Myer and unanimously carried to direct the General Manager to secure 2 bids from qualified contractors and the Board made a CEQA finding that the contemplated action is either not a project or is an exempt project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Board next received an update to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The Cooperation Agreement has been somewhat perfected and cleaned up. The GSAs hope to have full execution of that document by September. This Board will have to appoint one of its members to sit on the Advisory Committee that is formed by the Cooperation Agreement. Lastly, Mr. Earley reported on last night's community meeting in Biggs to unveil SGMA and to answer questions of the public. About eight members of the public were in attendance.

The Board next considered the development of a District website. Mr. Earley reported that a new state law mandates a website unless there is a financial hardship. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the board unanimously authorized the General Manager to develop a website.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:51 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:16 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

Moving to Director reports, Director Stone reported that he would like to invite Todd Kimelshue to a future Board meeting. He is a County Board of Supervisor candidate and would like to better understand Mr. Kimmelshue's stance on various water issues.



There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By


SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. Director Walt Meyer was absent. All other Directors present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and member of the public, Tod Kimelshue.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on August 15, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by President Job, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

The Board next offered the opportunity for public comment on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. Tod Kimelshue took this opportunity as a candidate for the supervisor position in Butte County to speak about issues affecting agriculture and specifically water. He offered his positions on SGMA, on the habitat conservation plan, the Endangered Species Act, water transfers, the water quality control plan update and on marijuana grows within the County.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$222,048.15. During the month of August 2019 there were disbursements of \$67,826.90, including payroll disbursements of \$58,188.01, payroll taxes of \$4,514.02 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during August were \$15,628.54 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of August 2019 was \$362,433.94. President Job observed that he appreciates not having to pay office rent. Mr. Sheppard questioned why the District paid BUCRA \$6,000 and Mr. Earley responded that is for fuel and supplies. After further discussion with question and answer, a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley next offered a report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. Tito Cervantes from DWR attended and wants to assist the District's in telling their story concerning spills, drains and water use within the Districts. The Joint District's discussed seepage issues on B and C joints and it turns out that the seepage issues in these locations is caused by landowners filling in a drain that had serviced the area. Originally the Joint District's thought that the problem was being caused by SBFCA cut off wall, but that appears to be not a driving factor in this particular instance. Next the Joint District's discussed Biggs West Gridley Water District and their system shutting off in early October where they will not be able to deliver water through the Biggs Extension. They are looking to potentially purchase extra water at \$5.00 per acre foot. The Joint District's discussed the Looney Gate Project being proposed by Sutter Extension Water District. The Districts are making progress on 2 unresolved issues: (1) whether there ought to be some change in responsibility or liability concerning seepage; (2) who would receive the benefits or ownership of the added capacity by construction of that facility. Lastly the Joint Districts discussed the Ag Water Management Plan 2020 update that is currently being worked on by David's Engineering.

Mr. Earley offered a manager's report. Lake Oroville storage is at 2.2 million acre feet. All reservoirs throughout the state are in really good shape.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report discussing the PG&E bankruptcy topic, a new groundwater trading tool being used for SGMA purposes and in critically over drafted basins and Paradise Irrigation Districts efforts regarding recovery following the Camp Fire. Mr. Cooper reminded the Board that the Stevens matter remains unresolved and will be coming back to the Board at a future date.

Returning to items of business, the Board considered bids to remove the Afton Road Flume. Three bids were received: (1) Walburg Inc. at \$40,284, (2) RCI at \$53,207.74 and (3) Sherwood at \$55,747. The board members then discussed the bids and concerns with change order potential. After extensive discussion a motion was made by Director Sheppard seconded by

President Job, and unanimously carried to select RCI as the bidder and authorize the General Manager to execute agreements to be prepared by Legal Counsel.

Mr. Earley provided an update of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The District continues to work with other GSA's on the Cooperation Agreement. Eventually this Board will need to appoint one of its members to the advisory Board that will be created by the Cooperation Agreement. After Discussion, President Job appointed Director Stone to that position. Mr. Earley next discussed the reprioritization of the sub basin and his proposal to complete the David's work and thus create a roadmap for decreasing priority after the 5-year SGMA update in 2027. Lastly, Mr. Cooper reported on the proposed Tuscan Water District formation.

Next the Board discussed the property improvement project. Mr. Earley offered a report on the status of the project and encourages the Board to stay for a few more minutes following the Board meeting so that he can show them the progress.

The Board next considered bids for window coverings, the office front sign, Vista Net IT support and cabling for the new office. Concerning the blinds, a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by President Job, and unanimously carried to select solar shades as the accepted bid. Concerning the signage bid, the Directors discussed the expense and elected to table the matter to look at further options to acquire signage elsewhere. Concerning IT services, Vista Net has made an extensive proposal for server and cloud backup and related computer facilities. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by President Job to approve first, the expenditure of \$19,976.93 for the server purchase and related facilities and second, to authorize the purchase of various IT licenses of \$5,324.58. The District also needs cabling and finish work to allow the computer to function with internet and such. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by President Job, the Board unanimously authorized the expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$6,200 for that work.

The Board next considered the purchase of 3 new operator pickups and considered the surplus sale of 2 surplus pickups. Mr. Earley introduced this topic for the Board. The District is in need of 3 new operator pickups. Two of the existing vehicles would be surplus at fair market value. Mr. Earley did remind the Board that this is not essential that this be undertaken this month, it can be tabled and considered at next months meeting. Mr. Earley did receive a bid from Gridley Ford but is thinking of trying to secure additional bids potentially for other makes and models of vehicles. The two different quotes for the pickups is that the more expensive one is for the Bluetooth feature. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Earley to secure additional bids and directed Mr. Earley to receive bids with the Bluetooth option.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:46 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

Before adjourning President Job announced that the next meeting will be a special meeting held at 7:00 a.m. on the 17th of October.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

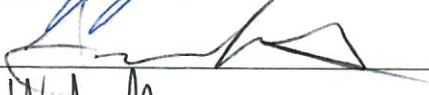
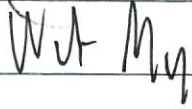
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RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By



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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019**

The Special Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, ~~September~~^{OCTOBER} 17, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All Directors were present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on September 17, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

The Board next offered 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.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of claims and expenditures and authorization of warrants. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$362,433.94. During the month of September 2019 there were disbursements of \$151,412.29, including payroll disbursements of \$38,508.61, payroll taxes of \$2,906.36 and Bank Charges of \$46.95. Cash Receipts during September were \$21,327.51 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of September 2019 was \$235,546.87. Mr. Earley observed that this was a very expensive month because of the flume removal, various association dues and the last of the payments to contractor Hayden Leen for the office building improvement project. President Job questioned why on the financial statements there is a negative on the SGMA column. Mr. Earley answered that it expected reimbursement from other Districts. Richvale Irrigation District is serving as the bank for some of the technical support being undertaken by David's Engineering for SGMA purposes. Mr. Earley reported that he expects that some additional income will be received, including income from Fall water usage. Overall, the District is close in line with its budget. It will likely be a little over on expenses and a little under on income. After further discussion a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley advised that there was report on the Joint Water District Board meeting given that it was cancelled in September. However, Mr. Cooper reported that Lynn Phillips from Sutter Extension Water District advised Mr. Cooper that SEWD was interested in pursuing a right to extract gravel from a state owned site that the joint districts sought to acquire, but were ultimately are not interested in. His reason for wishing to explore that contract with the state was because he was dissatisfied with the gravel at the Vance Avenue location and the length of the haul to SEWD.

Mr. Earley offered a manager's and hydrology report. The District will be assisting Biggs West Gridley Water Districts system shutoff by wheeling water for them in various drains to

help with their growers with decomp and multi-benefit Fall water needs. Biggs West Gridley Water District is pursuing the final phase of its Grey Lodge improvement project.

Mr. Earley next reported that Oroville Storage is at approximately 2.1 million acre feet of storage and expects no issues concerning Fall Water.

Mr. Earley next reported on the conclusion of the flume removal project and explained to the Board that it went very well. It came in lower than the bid at approximately \$40,000 and he is very happy with the contractor's performance.

Mr. Earley next reported that he would like to push back the Board's consideration of acquiring new operating pickups into the next year. As requested last meeting, Mr. Earley did examine transitioning from Ford to Toyotas, but the Toyotas would be too small for District purposes. He will continue to shop for bids and bring this item back in the next budget year.

Mr. Earley advised the Board that next month he is offering a presentation on the cold water payment methodology.

Mr. Earley asked if any of the Board members would like to participate in a tour of the Thermalito Powerhouse that was newly reconstructed following a fire.

Mr. Earley next reported that the District's website has been developed and he is waiting for the final okay from the Board members to make the website live and open to the public. Board members will be shown the website following conclusion of this meeting.

Mr. Earley reminded the Board that the ACWA conference will be held December 3 through December 6 in San Diego and asked Board members who were interested in attending. All Board members expressed interest in possibly attending and requested additional information of staff.

Lastly, Mr. Earley reported that he is going to order new office furniture for Shelby Watts and Doyle Carter and the cost to the District will be approximately \$2,000.

Turning to the attorney's report, Mr. Cooper provided an update on the expected release of the biological opinions governing Delta operations, update on the PG&E Bankruptcy and the continued recovery efforts from Paradise Irrigation District following the Camp Fire.


Turning to items of other business, the Board first considered the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Earley reported that the Cooperation Agreement has been accepted by this Board and he is prepared to sign the latest form of the agreement. The agreement still needs to go through the Butte County Board of Supervisors and awaits their approval in November. Mr. Cooper informed the Board of the proposed Tuscan Water District formation for SGMA and other purposes.

The Board next considered Amendment Two of the Amendment to Agreements on the Diversion of Water from the Feather River and the Settlement of Issues Related to the Temperature of Water Diversions. The Amendment does two things: (1) it removes the rolling average and (2) it will pay one full year of loss at a time. Mr. Earley is requesting Board approval for authorization to enter into this second amendment; however, he did advise that there have been concerns raised by Biggs West-Gridley Water District and even if the Board ultimately authorizes execution, he cautions them that this amendment may not move forward. After further discussion a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize the execution of the second amendment.


There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 8:48 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:22 a.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

Attest a true record of proceedings had and taken at the foregoing meeting, our presence thereat and our consent thereto.





**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

The Special Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All Directors were present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the special Board meeting on October 17, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Stone, seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job next asked for public comment of any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. No such comments were offered.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of claims and expenditures and authorization of warrants. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$235,546.87. During the month of October 2019 there were disbursements of \$78,906.85, including payroll disbursements of \$37,319.15, payroll taxes of \$2,924.00 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during October were \$161,836.70 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of October 2019 was \$349,611.27. Mr. Sheppard observed that the District is beginning to receive some income again. President Job questioned the David's Engineering invoice and Mr. Earley responded that it is grant reimbursable and SGMA reimbursable for the basin reprioritization work. President Job questioned the BUCRA expense and Mr. Earley responded that is for fuel and miscellaneous items such as taxes due, postage and other cleanup items following the District's relocation to its new offices. After further discussion and review of the bills a motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Stone, and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley offered a report on the Joint Water District Board Meeting. First, Biggs West Gridley Water District continues with its Grey Lodge improvement project and Richvale is assisting BWGWD with delivery of about 40 cfs through Richvale drains. President Job questioned whether we charge for wheeling water and Mr. Earley responded no because this District would expect similar treatment in the event that BWGWD could help it in the future during any kind of Richvale Irrigation District outage project. Second, Mr. Earley reported that the Sutter Extension Water District Looney Weir Project is not going to happen this off-season given funding issues and due to soil concerns increasing the cost of construction. Third, the purposed DWR study was presented by Tito Cervantes of DWR and the Joint Districts were not interested in participating. However, to maintain the relationship, it would be appropriate to invite Mr. Cervantes to a future meeting to discuss further. Fourth, the NCWA membership dues are not going to be increased this year. Lastly, Mr. Stinnett provided template employee review for completion and discussion at he next Joint Districts meeting.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report. There is just under 2 million acre-feet in Lake Oroville and storage still looks good. The weather is tracking dryer than average. Mr. Earley offered an update on the comprehensive needs assessment workgroup stemming from the 2017 Oroville spillway incident. Further facility modifications are being proposed to address the new probable maximum flood requirements, including the potential for a new low-level outlet at Lake Oroville at differing elevation and differing sizes. The preferred project appears to be at an elevation of about 640 feet with a 20,000 cfs capacity. The next meeting of this group is in December.


Mr. Cooper provided an update of the water transfer meeting that DWR, SWRCB and the USBR held. He also provided an update on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's bankruptcy process.

Turning to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. On November 5, 2019 the Butte County Board of Supervisors approved the Cooperation Agreement. Things are looking good on all fronts. The reprioritization effort has been restructured to become a roadmap for a future effort to reprioritize if justified by technical information at that time. Mr. Earley reported that the Afterbay pumps about 100,000 acre feet into the Afterbay for use by DWR for State Water Project purposes. This significant volume of pumping needs to be addressed in the GSP and, in particular, at times when surface supplies are reduced.


There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 8:39 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:21 a.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.


Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2019, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All Directors were present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The first item of business was to consider approval of the minutes from the special Board meeting on November 14, 2019. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

The Board next offered 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.

Kelby Sheppard offered the Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of claims and expenditures and authorization of warrants. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$349,611.27. During the month of November 2019 there were disbursements of \$72,451.98, including payroll disbursements of \$35,488.21, payroll taxes of \$2,174.91 and Bank Charges of \$46.95. Cash Receipts during November were \$120,556.82 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of November 2019 was \$365,017.05. Mr. Earley added that when he looks at the total financial picture of the District it looks good. On both the revenue and expense side there are some items that are higher than expected but also others that are lower than expected and roughly offset each other. The one big expenditure, the office project, is nearing completion. Director Stone questioned when staff will begin moving into the new offices and Mr. Earley answered that on Monday staff will finally be able to begin moving into the new office given that AT&T has finally installed internet services. After further discussion and review of the bills a motion was made by Director Stone and seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley provided a report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. The Joint Districts discussed Bay-Delta and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act matters including the status of the Cooperation Agreement in the Butte subbasin and in the Sutter subbasin those parties are working on the development of a groundwater sustainability plan given that their alternative plan was rejected by DWR. The Joint Districts also discussed Lake Oroville operations and storage levels and the continuing work on the comprehensive needs assessment. The Joint Districts next discussed the shut off date for winter water and conducted an employee review of Donnie Stinnett and all Districts were happy with Mr. Stinnett's performance and provided increase in his compensation. Lastly, Mr. Earley reported that the Joint Districts reappointed Carl Yank to be the Districts NCWA representative.

Mr. Earley next provided a manager's report. Lake Oroville storage is over 2 million acre feet. It's started to recover and gain in storage with additional inflows exceeding outflows from the facility. There is 3500 cfs total diversions from the complex. Precipitation thus far in this water year is about average.

Mr. Earley next provided an ACWA conference update. President Job was the only Director in attendance at the conference and he also reported on his takeaways from the conference. There were numerous meetings that he attended and a lot of discussion concerning SGMA and plans being submitted by January 31, 2020. All in all, Mr. Earley and President Job had a good time at the conference.

Mr. Earley offered an office update. As mentioned, the staff will begin moving into the new office on Monday. There was a major leak through all windows on the south side which resulted in the wall moving and one broken window. The District's contractor has been notified and will be coming out to repair the damage. Lastly Mr. Earley, provided a 5 year summary of water usage within the District.

Turning to the attorney's report, Mr. Cooper provided an update on the ongoing bankruptcy proceedings of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Turning to items of business, the Board first considered the winter shutoff date. Mr. Earley reported that the Joint Districts tentatively set it for the week of January 20 through the 22 and the Directors were okay with that timing.

The Board next discussed changes by the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation to the water transfer white paper. Most importantly for the District, the rice evapotranspiration rate has changed from 3.3 acre feet per acre to 2.9 acre feet per acre. Other changes that effect other Districts include, more onerous requirements for groundwater substitution transfers and that reservoir refill criteria to be established for reservoir re-operation transfers. On the positive side the transfer window was opened up. It formally ended on September 30 and will now extend through November. The Board discussed these changes in detail and provided direction to Mr. Cooper to express the Districts dissatisfaction with the change in rice evapotranspiration.

The Board next discussed whether to have a District only landowner meeting before the start of the 2020 irrigation season and the Board ultimately settled on February 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

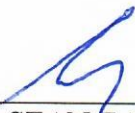
There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:35 p.m. President Job announced that a performance evaluation was conducted for all District employees.

Returning to open session, the Board next discussed changes in compensation for all District employees including the General Manager. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously approved the proposed increases and bonuses as recommended by the General Manager for all District employees.

The Board next turned to considered changes in compensation for the General Manager. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone the Board unanimously authorized an increase in the General Manager's compensation from \$135,000 per year to \$140,000 per year and a one time performance of \$20,000.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager

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