

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. Director Walt Meyer was absent. Director Gary Stone was present. Other officers and staff present were District General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper, members of the public and DWR employees Tito Cervantes, George Valente and Brian Bettencourt.

Item 3(a), presentation by Tito Cervantes of the Department of Water Resources was moved up in the agenda to accommodate the public guests. Mr. Cervantes' offered a presentation on behalf of DWR's Northern District seeking a partnership with District's within the Feather River Watershed to conduct a water balance determination for the 2020 growing season and potentially time periods after 2020 growing period.

Moving to items of business, the Board considered approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on December 19, 2019 and upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by President Job, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job offered for 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 \$365,017.05. During the month of December 2019 there were disbursements of \$48,630.05, including payroll disbursements of \$35,488.21, payroll taxes of \$2,174.89 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during December were \$73,433.69 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of December 2019 was \$412,867.48. President Job questioned why so much money was left in the District's US Bank Account and Mr. Earley responded that the District is working off that account by paying bills and other payables. Mr. Earley reported that he pulled the building expenses out of the financial statements so it could be depreciated over the next 50 years. After further discussion and review of the claims and expenditures a motion was made by Director Stone, seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley provided the report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. There was a discussion concerning the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the upcoming meeting on January 25, 2020. The basins setting results will be completed soon. The various GSA's in the Butte subbasin will begin more earnestly work on preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan with management areas for each GSA. Next the Joint Districts discussed the 2020 water season. The first B-120 are expected in early February. The only drought curtailment trigger that is available pursuant to the diversion agreements is the April through July 600,000 acre foot

threshold. Mr. Earley reported that the Joint Districts discussed replacement of the Greenhouse Gate this year and that the budget set asides will be considered later on this agenda for the Vance Avenue Mine Properties. Mr. Earley reported that Donnie Stinnett is upgrading the SCADA system with more points that can be read on the system. The cost is approximately \$13,000 with Richvale's share at 27%. Finally, the Joint Water Districts discussed nominations for the Joint Districts President and Vice Presidents positions. It was determined that the same officers would stay the next two years, Dominic Nevis as President and Charlie Etcheverry as Vice president. Walt Meyer will continue to be the voluntary agreement representative.

Mr. Earley provided a manager's report. First the hydrology in January is below average. December however was a pretty good month. Overall, we are about 60%-70% of average precipitation. Mr. Earley offered the opinion that he does not believe, given the hydrology thus far, that there is going to be a cutback this year.

Mr. Earley provided an update on the office building project. The Board members discussed the acquisition of a conference table for the Board room, signs for the outside of the building, stairs being built to allow for storage above the new office, pictures, shelving, cabinets and other acquisitions to complete the office project.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report discussing water transfers and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in other subbasins throughout the State of California.

Turning to items of other business, Mr. Earley reported that the District's winter water shutoff will be Monday, January 20, 2020. If any landowners would like changes to their water, they need to make them on the Friday proceeding the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Board next considered Budget adoption for the District's share of financial assurance set aside for reclamation of Vance Avenue Pit #1 and after Mr. Earley introduced the item a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to approve the budget adoption to comply with Richvale Irrigation District's share of financial assurance set aside for Vance Avenue Pit #1, approved by the Joint Water Districts Board Resolution Number 2020-1 in the amount of \$7,989.94 and to authorize the General Manager to place in the Districts budget accordingly.

The Board next considered the Budget adoption for the District's share of financial assurance set aside for the reclamation of Vance Avenue Pit #2. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by President Job the Board unanimously approved the budgeted adoption to comply with Richvale Irrigation District's share of the financial assurance set aside for Vance Avenue Pit #2, approved by the Joint Water Districts Board Resolution Number 2020-2 in the amount of \$1,147.29 and to authorize the General Manager to place in the Districts budget accordingly.

The Board discussed the potential of scheduling a Richvale Irrigation District landowner meeting. After discussion of the item, the Board elected to a District only meeting scheduled for February 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Richvale Church. The Board next provided direction to


Mr. Earley on various topics to discuss including an update on voluntary agreements, SGMA, the building project and the water year.

The Board next reviewed the first draft of the proposed 2020 District budget. Mr. Earley introduced the topic advising that he is not yet seeking approval of this item, but he would like the Board members to review this draft and to begin considering any adjustments or further refinements that would like to share. Mr. Earley walked the Board through the budget and reminded them that no action will be taken at this meeting, but he will re-agendize this for further consideration at next month's Board meeting.

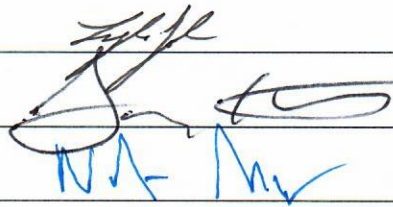
There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 4:18 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:31 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 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, FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

The Special Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020, 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, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and numerous Richvale Irrigation District Landowners that were present for the annual Richvale Irrigation District Landowner meeting at the Richvale Church.

The Board members and Mr. Early then engaged in a discussion and question and answer period with the Landowners present concerning matters of interest to the District. The Landowner meeting was adjourned, and the regular business portion of the meeting was reconvened at 11:30 a.m. at the District's customary meeting location.

The Board considered adoption of the minutes dated January 16, 2020. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job offered the opportunity for public comment on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda and 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 \$412,867.48. During the month of January 2020 there were disbursements of \$172,973.63, including payroll disbursements of \$74,574.70, payroll taxes of \$5,863.22 and Bank Charges of \$91.95. Cash Receipts during January were \$33,058.32 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of January 2020 was \$272,952.17. President Job questioned the reclamation bonding requirements for Vance Avenue and Mr. Earley answered that those amounts are listed on the District's budget but will not be utilized and are essentially just a placeholder. After further discussion of the financial reports and question and answer concerning the warrants, 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 provided the report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. The Joint Districts discussed voluntary agreements, the surplus sale of Sontec Meters, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, authorized the expenditure of up to \$8,500 for a mastication along the upper A-Joint of the Sutter Butte Canal in a small area of Vance Avenue, hydrology report, inter-district water prices – to which there was no change, the price will remain at \$5.00 per acre foot and lastly NCWA dues.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager and hydrology report. Mr. Earley provided the Board members with an update on the office project. The stairs have been constructed and pictures are beginning to be hung on the wall. The District's phone lines will be operable on the 24<sup>th</sup> and employee postings have been hung in the appropriate areas. Mr. Earley next provided a handout of a list of various projects and actions to be undertaken in the Spring that are being worked on by the District Ditch tenders. Given dry conditions, Mr. Earley reminded the Board of the need for curtailment contingency planning and given that we just went through this in 2015, he asked the Board what changes if any they will like to see in the event of a drought curtailment in 2020. The Board discussed the potential for prevented planting insurance and payments and how that would add to or detract from the acreage that would be planted in a drought curtailment situation. Ultimately after considerable discussion of the draft of the Districts 2015 policy, Mr. Earley was directed to place the item of the agenda for the upcoming March Board meeting for further consideration and discussion amongst the Board.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report discussing the proposed Paradise Irrigation District water transfer and its ongoing recovery effort following the 2018 Camp Fire. Mr. Cooper also reported on a recent class action Proposition 218 lawsuit that was made against a number of cities and water providers throughout the state.

Turning to items of business, Mr. Earley introduced the proposed 2020 budget. Mr. Earley revenues assumption assumes a full plant and no water transfer. On the expense side Mr. Earley observed that the District has a lot of fixed costs, but nonetheless, to the extent there are variable costs they may need to be revisited if there is a drought curtailment under the diversion agreement. After considerable discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to approve the 2020 budget as recommended by Mr. Earley.

The Board next considered an agreement with David's Engineering to prepare and update to the Districts Agricultural Water Management Plan. The contract calls for a ton of materials, not to exceed \$19,929. Mr. Cooper observed a typo in the form of proposed agreement in particular in the indemnity section that will need to be corrected. Upon a motion by Director Meyer and seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried, the Board authorized approval of the Agreement with David's Engineering subject to correction of the typographical error in the Agreement.

The Board next considered bids for a security system for the District office and related buildings. Two bids were received, the first from Larry Tray and the second from Accularm. Both bids at full in participation contemplate installation and ongoing monitoring services. The installation includes the purchase of video cameras. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize the purchase and installation of a security system at the discretion of the District Manager without the purchase of security cameras.

The Board next discussed the change in rice evapotranspiration and the talking points document that was prepared by Mr. Cooper. A meeting has been scheduled with Director Karla Nemeth to discuss the change in the impacts to future land idling water transfers.

Lastly, the Board considered a contribution to the Water Education Foundation. In 2019 this Board authorized a contribution of \$580.00 and upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried the Board authorized a contribution in the amount of \$600.00 to the Water Education Foundation.

The Board then adjourned into closed session at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 2:23 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.


Before adjourning, Mr. Earley reported that the Joint Richvale Irrigation District and Western Canal Water District will be held on April 2, 2020.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 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, MARCH 19, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, 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, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and members of the public Rich McGowan and Ed McLaughlin

The Board considered adoption of the minutes dated February 20, 2020. There was a correction necessary on page 2. The phrase should be “time and materials” not “ton and materials”. With that correction a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to adopt the minutes as corrected.

President Job next allowed for the opportunity for public comment on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. Rich McGowan and Ed McLaughlin took this opportunity to present to the Directors on their proposed formation of the Tuscan Water District to enhance local control of water resources in the Vina subbasin. While this was not an agenda item for action, the Board's consensus was to direct staff to prepare a draft letter supporting the concept of formation of the proposed Tuscan Water District for future consideration by the Board of Directors as an action item.

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 \$272,952.17. During the month of February 2020 there were disbursements of \$9576.18, including payroll disbursements of \$39,290.23, payroll taxes of \$3,109.62 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during February were \$148,044.14 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of February 2020 was \$321,548.14. After discussion with question and answer concerning the bills and the treasurer's report 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 presented the report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. There is not much ongoing discussion regarding voluntary agreements or other Bay-Delta matters given the stalemate between the States and Federal Governments. The joint districts had a water transfer discussion concerning SGMA. There was an initial meeting of the Butte subbasin Advisory committee. The joint districts also discussed the upcoming water season and the potential for a drought reduction under the diversion agreements and discussion of a contingency plan.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report. The hydrology has improved given the recent precipitation in the Feather River watershed. The forecast for the April through July inflow is 890 thousand acre feet, an excess of the 600 thousand acre feet for full deliveries. Director Meyer questioned whether that was 50% exceedance in forecast and Mr. Earley responded that yes, that is a requirement pursuant to the contract and that 890 thousand acre feet is a 50%

exceedance. Lake Oroville storage is at 2.3 million acre feet. Concerning the ongoing office project Mr. Earley reported that the office signs have been completed and staff will be working on installing the signs on the buildings, but the staff will need to rent a lift to complete the installation.

Mr. Cooper did not offer an attorney report.

Turning to items of business, Mr. Earley reminded the Board that Form 700s are due April 1, 2020.

The Board next considered a contribution to the California Farm Water Coalition. The Coalition is requesting \$5,000. The Districts past donations were at \$250. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to contribute \$250 in 2020.

The Board next considered the Rice ETAW change. Mr. Earley reported that Bryce Lundberg of Western Canal Water District has repeatedly attempted, along with David Guy at NCWA, to set up face to face meeting with Director Karla Nemeth of the Department of Water Resources. Given the inability to connect with Ms. Nemeth, a letter was sent today by NCWA requesting a pause in the Rice ETAW change.

The Board next considered the development of an alternative investment strategy. Mr. Earley began the discussion by raising the issue of seeking an investment advisor to help increase the yield of Districts surplus funds which are currently being retained in the local agency investment fund. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Earley to discuss this item with other Districts and come back with options for the Board to consider for investment advisor services.

The meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:05 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to real property negotiators and to Legal Counsel.





There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/Manager



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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was held telephonically in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the certain waived requirements in the Brown Act to allow telephonic Board meetings. The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020, 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.

President Job asked for approval of the minutes dated March 19, 2020 and April 3, 2020. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously adopted the meeting minutes of the regular Board meeting dated March 19, 2020. The Board next considered the special meeting minutes from April and upon a motion by Director Stone and seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously adopted the special Board meeting minutes dated April 3, 2020.

President Job next allowed for 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 \$321,548.14. During the month of March 2020 there were disbursements of \$107,576.66, including payroll disbursements of \$37,390.23, payroll taxes of \$2,964.22 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during March were \$119,496.49 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of March 2020 was \$346,176.18. President Job questioned the \$6,800 invoice from Northstar Engineering and what that item is for and Mr. Earley responded that that invoice is for ongoing work on the environmental document for the District's grant project and will be 100% reimbursable. After further discussion with question and answer 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 provided a report on the most recent Joint Water District Board meeting. The Joint District's discussed SGMA including the ongoing basin setting work being undertaken by David's Engineering and other consultants. The Joint District's discussed the Incidental Take Permit that has been issued to DWR for State Water Project operations. There were discussions concerning water transfers in 2020 and the recent start to the water season.

Mr. Earley offered a manager's and hydrology report. A discussion concerning rice evapotranspiration was set for April 24. Sutter Extension Water District regarding its mitigated negative declaration for a 2020 water transfer received comments concerning the rice evapotranspiration rate from both the Bureau of Reclamation and DWR. It appears that those agencies are taking a hard line that the evapotranspiration must be 2.9 acre feet per idled acre.

Concerning hydrology, precipitation is about 57% of the April 1 average and 62% of normal. This is below the levels in the 2014-2015 drought to give perspective.

Mr. Cooper advised that he doesn't have an open session report and his items will be discussed in closed session.

Turning to other business, the Board received an audit update from Mr. Earley. He reported that there will be a delay in delivery and completion of the audit given the expected upcoming guidance on new GASB standards. Mr. Earley reported that he authorized with the District's auditor the delay which he expects to be about a month.

The Board next considered a letter of support for the proposed Tuscan Water District. Mr. Earley provided a draft and Mr. Cooper provided some suggested language revisions. After review of the draft letter a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to authorize execution and transmittal of the letter of support for the concept of formation of the Tuscan Water District.


The Board next considered adoption of Resolution 2020-1 declaring a local emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Cooper introduced the item advising that he is recommending for a variety of reasons, adoption of a State of Local Emergency by this District. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2020-1.

There being no further open session business the Board adjourned into closed session at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 2:56 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.



There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 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 21, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was held in person. The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020, 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 Board first considered the minutes from the regular meeting dated April 16, 2020 and upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job next allowed 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 \$346,176.18. During the month of April 2020 there were disbursements of \$243,104.70, including payroll disbursements of \$37,390.24, payroll taxes of \$2,964.24 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during April were \$318,152.48 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of April 2020 was \$452,194.43. Director Meyer questioned the David's Engineering and H2O Tech warrants and Mr. Earley answered that those two entities are second companies and Mr. Earley explained the differences between both companies and the services they provide to the District. President Job questioned whether the David's Engineering invoice is reimbursable, and Mr. Earley answered that yes, most of it will be through the grant agreement and that is the same as with the Northstar Engineering invoice. After further discussion with questions 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. Earley next reported on the Joint Water District Board meeting. There were two Board meetings in the last month. The District's discussed ongoing seepage concerns and claims including a claim filed by a landowner, Mr. Justeson threatening a lawsuit against Butte Water District. The joint District's discussed water transfer items and SGMA matters.

Mr. Earley next provided a manager's and hydrology report. There will be a call with Director Nemeth of DWR, her staff, California Rice Commission and various water users at 3:00 p.m. concerning the evapotranspiration of applied water for rice. Concerning Lake levels and precipitation there was a noticeable bump in the precipitation levels given last weeks storm event. It provided an uptick in Lake Oroville inflow. The CVP South of Delta allocation has been increased to 20% for agricultural users and yet the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors are still at 75% supply.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report providing an update on Paradise Irrigation Districts ongoing recovery efforts following the 2018 Camp Fire. There was also a discussion on water transfers including the recent lawsuit filed by AquaAlliance challenging the Bureaus and San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authorities 10-year environmental analysis.

Turning to items of business, Mr. Earley reported that the audit is still lagging and not yet finalized. He hopes to have that completed within the next month and have Ms. Horton, the District's auditor available for a report and presentation to the Board.


Concerning SGMA, all GSAs within the Butte subbasin and their representatives participated in a zoom meeting. The parties are beginning to work and identify the results of the basin setting report. There are no identified groundwater problems or issues within the Richvale Irrigation District GSA area and the GSAs are starting to pivot towards more deliberate information gathering for development of the GSP due by January 31, 2022.

Shelby Watts of the District offered an update on a health coverage issue for employees that was discussed and brought to the Boards attention.

There being no further open session business the Board adjourned into closed session at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:34 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 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 18, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020, 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.

The Board first considered approval of the minutes of the regular meeting dated May 21, 2020 and upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job 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 and introduced the topic of claims and expenditures and authorization of warrants. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$452,194.43. During the month of May 2020 there were disbursements of \$158,535.54, including payroll disbursements of \$62,732.43, payroll taxes of \$4,902.25 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during May were \$328,210.21 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of May 2020 was \$666,219.06. Following the treasurers report, Mr. Earley advised the H2O tech invoice is for 2020 services. Last months invoice to them was for 2019 services. Director Meyer questioned the cold water payment and a \$40,000 difference and Mr. Earley responded that DWR has not modified the District's share of 50% of expenses. The only modification is moving from a two year process to a one year assessment. Director Meyer responded that he would like again to revisit the cost of the program and have potential discussions with the State Water Contractors and DWR. After further discussion with question and answer concerning the bills, 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.

It was at this point in the meeting that Kaylah Horton arrived, the independent auditor for the District. She walked through the independent auditor's report and her report to the Board of Directors. In summary, it was a clean audit for the District.

Mr. Earley offered a report on the Joint Water District Board meeting. The District's discussed in closed session the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan and Voluntary Agreements. There is not a lot happening on those fronts but wanted to bring the Joint District's up to speed and to potentially get ready for a plan B if it becomes necessary. The Joint District's discussed seepage issues. It was left that Butte Water District and Sutter Extension Water District would discuss a 50% share of energy costs to put the water back into the canal. Friendly condemnation was also discussed but there was no conclusion or recommendation to proceed with that approach. There was a closed session item on water transfers. Concerning SGMA, the



Joint District's received a report on the basin setting project and its nearing completion. The management area discussion for the Butte subbasin was put on hold.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's and hydrology report. First, the Board room table. Mr. Earley asked Mr. Cooper to discuss with Nevada Irrigation District the future use of their Board table and the potential for Richvale Irrigation District to acquire it. Mr. Earley also received 3 bids between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for a table 16 feet long and 52-60 inches wide. Next, Mr. Earley reported on the ongoing evapotranspiration discussion with DWR Director Nemeth and staff and other managers from the Sacramento Valley. On June 21, 2020 there will be another discussion. Lastly, Mr. Earley reported on Lake Oroville hydrology. It is currently tracking drier than 2014 with precipitation. Lake levels are at 79% of historic average at about 2.32 million acre feet. The forecasted end of September storage is for 1.5 million acre feet or thereabouts.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report updating the Board on Paradise Irrigation Districts ongoing recovery efforts, Pacific Gas and Electric Companies bankruptcy litigation and the status of the 2020 water transfer.


Turning to items of other business the Board considered the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission election, discussing the election ballot and the candidates for alternate enterprise or non-enterprise member. After discussion a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to have the District vote for Tom Lando.

The Board next discussed a 5-year capital expenditure plan. Mr. Earley introduced the item advising the Board of a near term need for a mowing tractor and loader, excavator, backhoe and 10-wheeler truck estimated to collectively cost \$555,000. There is also some needed maintenance to the District's buildings including repair of the old roof on the old shop that is estimated to cost \$15,000, the new shop removing sky lights and foaming the roof is estimated \$20,000 and removing the equipment and parking structure is estimated at \$80,000. It was at this point in the meeting at 3:30 p.m. that President Job had to leave. Sean is recommending the purchase of the mowing tractor at this time and would like to seal the roof and fix the leaks. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and passed by 2 ays and 1 absent, to purchase the mowing tractor and to surplus and sell the current mowing tractor for not less than fair market value and to authorize repair of the roof to fix the leaks and to return to the Board in July with bids to foam the roofs.

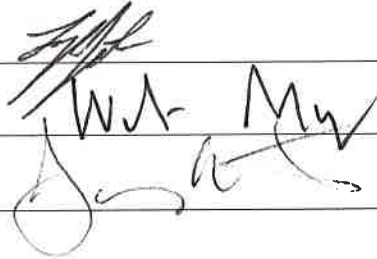
There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:36 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:01 p.m. Vice President Meyer announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 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 16, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020, 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.

The Board first considered approval of the minutes of the regular meeting dated June 18, 2020 and upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job 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 and introduced the topic of claims and expenditures and authorization of warrants. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$666,219.06. During the month of June 2020 there were disbursements of \$89,534.77, including payroll disbursements of \$44,303.52, payroll taxes of \$3,493.10 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during June were \$137,353 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of June 2020 was \$624,618.80. Following the treasurer's report, Director Meyer inquired about the difference between the income and expense side of the purchased Butte Water District Water. Mr. Earley advised that the income side separates the Secondary and Out of District water and the expense side encompasses the total water purchased. After further discussion with question and answer concerning 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 next offered a manager's and hydrology report. First, the Board room table. Mr. Earley contacted Nevada Irrigation District regarding the potential purchase of their board table, but they are no longer interested in selling. President Job has been working on other options for the Board room table and may have 2 slabs of black walnut that are the appropriate size for the RID table. Next, Mr. Earley reported on Lake Oroville hydrology. Lake levels are at 74% of historic average at about 2.03 million-acre feet. The forecasted end of September storage is for 1.5 million-acre feet or thereabouts. Lastly, Mr. Earley reported on the infrastructure improvement project. Due to the Camp Fire and changes in personnel North Star Engineering has been behind schedule for the environmental document that are required by the State and Federal government. This delay will push the project completion date to Fall of 2021. This coupled with the mitigation actions for the GGS will likely cause a delay to fall flood up in 2021.


Turning to items of other business the Board considered 2 bids for foam covering both shop and office buildings. The office building bid totaled \$18,750 and the shop building bid totaled \$11,200. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director

Stone and unanimously carried to accept both bids and instruct manager to schedule the work. Next item of business concerned an Amendment to the Employee Handbook Article 9 Health Plans. RID Office Manager, Shelby Watts explained to the Board that changes were necessary to update the Handbook to be concurrent with the Districts new Health Plan and Medical Reimbursement Policy. A motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to accept proposed changes to Employee Handbook Article 9 Health Plans. Lastly, the Board considered an update to the District's Injury and Illness Prevention Program. Shelby Watts presented the changes to the board and qualified the document through ACWA JPIA staff. A motion was made by Director Stone and seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept and implement the 2020 IIPP.

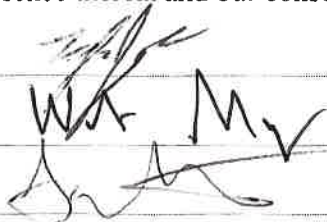
There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 2:52 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to General Manager.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 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 20, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was held in person. The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2020, by Walt Meyer, Vice President of the Board of Directors. Directors present were Walt Meyer and Gary Stone. President Job was absent. Also absent was the Districts Treasurer Kelby Sheppard. Other officers and staff present were Districts General Manager Sean Earley and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board first considered the minutes from the regular meeting dated July 16, 2020 and upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

Vice President Meyer next allowed 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.

In Kelby Sheppard's absence, Sean Earley 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 \$624,618.80. During the month of July 2020 there were disbursements of \$219,355.77, including payroll disbursements of \$61,175.13, payroll taxes of \$4,838.15 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during July were \$79,434.72 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of July 2020 was \$525,003.57. After discussion with 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. Earley offered the report on the Joint Water District's Board meeting. The Joint District's discussed voluntary agreements and Bay-Delta matters. There will be a meeting in September concerning water transfers and the meeting will occur with some of the member units of Kern County Water Agency. The Joint District's discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the basin setting document for the Butte subbasin. The Joint Districts discussed the 2020 water season and lastly, they discussed the NCWA dues to all the Joint District's in which Richvale Irrigation District's share is about \$27,000.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report. Mr. Earley advised the Board that he has an opportunity to acquire 2 large wooden slabs, that could then be finished and turned into a meeting table for the Board room. The staff would then fabricate legs for the wooden slab, and he believes this could be done for less than \$10,000. Next Mr. Earley advised the Board on Lake Oroville storage which is currently at 49% of capacity which is 72% of average. The reservoir is in decent shape in the event that next year is a dry year.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report. He updated the Board on the status of Pacific Gas and Electric's ongoing bankruptcy, the Appellate Court decision and recent Petition for State Supreme Court Review by Stanford Vina Ranch Irrigation Company concerning the 2014/2015 emergency regulations adopted by the State Water Board and lastly Mr. Cooper updated the Board on the status of 2020 water transfers.

Turning to items of business the Board discussed the Major Capital Improvement. Mr. Earley has ordered a tractor and will have it delivered in January. The District has placed a \$20,000 deposit on the unit. Once it is received in January, Mr. Earley will go about selling the old one for not less than fair market value.

Mr. Earley reported that the roof on the office building has been foamed and is very happy with the results and that it is much cooler in the shop in particular. Mr. Earley decided against foaming the other metal shop and instead he opted to install an entirely new roof which was actually less money than foaming the roof. Director Stone questioned whether the other extra offices had been rented out to third parties or if that had been pursued yet. Mr. Earley answered that he has put that on hold given the COVID pandemic situation.

The Board next discussed the Public Records Act request for documents related to the proposed Tuscan Water District and any communications between the District and State and Federal representatives. Mr. Cooper outlined the District's obligations under the Public Records Act, and asked that Board members follow the instructions provided in the confidential counsel correspondence to them to search their private accounts for any potential responsive public records.

There being no further open session business the Board adjourned into closed session at 2:49 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:02 p.m. Vice President Meyer announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

On Directors time, Director Meyer reported that the State Water Resource Control Board and CVP has agreed to a temperature management plan and that there was a science partnership rollout on the Sacramento River today that was summarized in an email from David Guy at NCWA.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

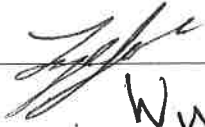
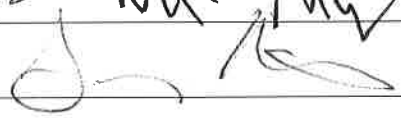
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RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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 17, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was held in person. The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020, by Walt Meyer, Vice President of the Board of Directors. Directors present were Walt Meyer and Gary Stone. President Job was absent. Other officers and staff present were Districts Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Districts General Manager Sean Earley and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board first considered the minutes from the regular meeting dated August 20, 2020 and upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the Board carried the minutes on a vote of 2 ayes and 1 absent.

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 provided 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 \$525,003.57. During the month of August 2020 there were disbursements of \$142,800.92, including payroll disbursements of \$38,835.63, payroll taxes of \$3,078.66 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during August were \$8,739.62 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of August 2020 was \$437,484.97. After Board discussion with questions and answer a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and carried on a vote of 2 ayes and 1 absent to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

There was no September Joint Water District Board meeting and thus, no report from Mr. Earley concerning that meeting.

Turning to Mr. Earley's manager report, Mr. Earley reported that the Board conference table slab will be arriving next week, and he has lined up a fabricator to start work on the tables legs and hopes by the next meeting the table will be installed in the conference room.

Mr. Earley next reported on the Bear Fire in the Middle Fork Watershed and how Mr. Earley witnessed firsthand the devastation to the watershed and in his opinion there will be significant watershed impacts to Lake Oroville and South Feather Water and Power Agency given that the fire consumed all of the live vegetation there is no current evapotranspiration occurring in the watershed and as a result the inflows to Lake Oroville have increased about 500-600 cfs.

Concerning Lake Oroville storage, Mr. Earley reported that it is at 1.67 million acre feet and looks to be no issues or complications for the District's Fall water supplies. Total District



water usage is at 83.7%, and again Mr. Earley observed that the District is looking good and wants growers to reflood as soon as they are beyond harvest.

Mr. Earley next reported that Biggs West Gridley Water District will likely go over its allocation pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement and will need to purchase approximately 20,000 acre feet from Butte and Sutter Extension Water Districts.

Director Meyer reported on a letter from the Mosquito Abatement District regarding no reflooding of fields until the second week of October. Mr. Earley advised that he would speak to the manager of the Mosquito District and report back to the Board.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report discussing the status of Lake Madrone Water District and South Feather Water and Power Agency and how the Bear Fire effected those Districts water facilities.

Turning to items of business, the Board discussed the proposed Tuscan Water District. Mr. Earley reported that the Tuscan proponents have resubmitted a notice of intent to circulate a petition to LAFCO and will be restarting the LAFCO process for ultimate landowner vote to form the District.

The Board and staff also discussed the proposed Butte County Water District and concerns with another entity overlaying the District and potentially trying to effect or assert oversight on the District's water rights.

The Board next discussed the status of the Public Records Act Request of Mr. William Bynum. Mr. Cooper is taking the lead on the response and working with staff and directors to produce responses.

The Board next discussed the status of the Department of Water Resources change to rice evapotranspiration of applied water, also known as ETAW. Mr. Earley reported that water user community is aligning behind the 3.3 acre feet per acre number. Effort is underway to give rationale to Director Nemeth to allow her to make a decision about returning to that historic number in lieu of the more recently adopted 2.9 acre feet per acre. Mr. Earley reported that Anna Fock at SWPAO, State Water Project Analysis Office, is moving from SWPAO into a position assisting with Michelle Banonis a Deputy Director at DWR.


The Board next discussed potential water transfers. The Joint District's and Western Canal Water District had a discussion with representatives of various member units from Kern County Water Agency, those member units are not happy with Kern County Water Agency, likely because of the Agency's efforts to prevent the transaction between South Feather Water and Power Agency and Cawelo Water District. Mr. Earley was not able to personally attend the meeting, but Mr. Trimble did and reported to Sean that concerns were raised about the negotiation in 2018 and 2020, discontent amongst the seller community regarding the Favored Nation Clause. Buyers expressed concerns with the variability in the Delta Carriage loss numbers and would prefer to just settle on a static figure. In all, the Feather River Manager's thought the

discussion was productive and that the buyers for there part will be reaching out to DWR to begin taking to them about some of these outstanding concerns and issues.


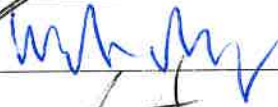
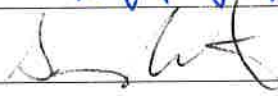
There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 2:51 p.m. Vice President Meyer announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 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, OCTOBER 20, 2020**

The Special Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was held in person. The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2020, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. All Directors present. Other officers and staff present were Districts Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Districts General Manager Sean Earley and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board first considered approval of them minutes from the September 17, 2020 and upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

President Job gave 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 provided 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 \$437,484.97. During the month of September 2020 there were disbursements of \$102,109.61, including payroll disbursements of \$40,298.47, payroll taxes of \$3,190.55 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during September were \$16,617.69 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of September 2020 was \$377,946.30. Mr. Earley reported that the District will likely miss the budget revenue projection, but not by much. He is expecting Fall water usage income soon. There was a number of unforeseen large expenses this year including the purchase of a tractor, roof repair, purchase of a table, etc. After further discussion 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 warrants.

Mr. Earley next reported on the Joint Water District's Board meeting. There was a discussion during public comment with Ted Trimble, the General Manager of Western Canal Water District and Bryce Lundberg, a Director at Western Canal Water District regarding water transfers, rice evapotranspiration and potentially no longer utilizing the favored nation clause in future water transfers. Next the Joint District's discussed a potential for a 3-5 year transfer with the buyer's representatives in that discussion. The Joint District's authorized a request by Biggs West Gridley Water District to use water in excess of its allocation. Mr. Earley observed that he is interested in trying to fully exercise the Joint District's pre-1914 water right and it was the consensus of the District Manager's to declare surplus for the use of Biggs West Gridley Water District. Lastly the Joint District's discussed the mine application for the Vance Avenue site.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report. The Board table is done and there are some minor scuff marks that will need to be repaired. The legs are being fabricated and he expects those to be done by next week. The tabletop weighs 427 pounds. Lake Oroville is currently at

1.597 million acre feet and still drafting. It has been a windy and dry October. Despite that, the reservoir level looks good for Winter water availability and use.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report. He reported on the Rock Creek Reclamation District and the proposed Tuscan Water District and also raising the topic of appointments to the water commission.

Turning to other business, first the District discussed the status of Public Records Act Request made by William Bynum. Mr. Earley has provided records in the custody and control of the District. We need the Directors to complete their search of their private devices for any potential public records.

The Board next received an update on the rice evapotranspiration discussions with DWR. It appears that nearly all the technical folks understand that 2.9 acre feet per acre is probably not correct and that it needs to be increased. Bruce Lundquist of UC Davis is now supportive of an increase in the evapotranspiration, likely in the neighborhood of 3.1 or 3.2 acre feet per acre.


The next item of business was for the Board to consider potential rent of their excess offices to the Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau has moved out of its Oroville office and will eventually relocate to Durham. They are looking for a temporary location until they can complete their move to Durham. Mr. Earley is trying to calculate the cost to determine a fair rental value and at this point he is guessing it would be around \$500.00 per office. The Farm Bureau would have all of their own copy machines and server and would need the use of Richvale's facilities for no more than one year. Director Meyer commented that he is against renting out the offices to third parties but would be okay in this instance given that it is for the Farm Bureau and would be a short term favor to them. Mr. Earley was directed to write up a 6-month contract that allows either party to terminate the relationship at either time. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize a temporary short term rental to the three excess offices to the Farm Bureau upon terms that are determined fair by the District's General Manager.

Mr. Earley next discussed the Bureau of Reclamation Grant. The District received the money but has had issues in completing the work such as the Camp Fire and other things. He expects in August of next year that the work will be initiated if the landowners are still in need of water for rice than they will begin the work in the month following harvest. In all, Mr. Earley hopes to have the project complete by October of 2021.


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 8:48 a.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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, NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was held in person. The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, by Walt Meyer, Vice-President of the Board of Directors. Director Meyer and Director Stone were present. President Job was absent. Other officers and staff present were Districts Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Districts General Manager Sean Earley and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The first item of business was to consider the minutes from the meeting dated October 20, 2020. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Vice-President Meyer offered the opportunity for public comment on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. No such comments were offered.

Kelby Sheppard provided 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 \$377,946.30. During the month of October 2020 there were disbursements of \$174,803.85, including payroll disbursements of \$37,877.82, payroll taxes of \$3,001.06 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during October were \$108,126.74 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of October 2020 was \$355,333.57. Mr. Earley observed that he is happy with the state of the budget and believes that the District will end the year on the right side of the budget line. Mr. Cooper reported on his concerns with the District's surplus funds in the Local Agency Investment Fund commonly known as LAIF and reported that he will be investigating the security of that investment in light of the dismal state of the California budget and financial situation. After further discussion with question and answer concerning the bills a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept the treasurers report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley next reported on the Joint District Water Board meeting. First the joint districts discussed the successful completion of the Vance Avenue permit matter. There was a SGMA update and discussion concerning the status of SGMA implementation and compliance for the Butte subbasin and Sutter subbasin. The joint districts discussed voluntary agreements in closed session.

Turning to the manager's report Mr. Earley reported that the table is complete for the office building. Next Mr. Earley reported on Lake Oroville storage. Storage is fine for fall water needs and uses. The last storm added 1.2 inches, nonetheless its been a dry start to the water year. Director Meyer questioned the potential contaminants into the lake given the burn scar from the North Complex Fire. Mr. Earley answered that the only thing to potentially worry about is the acidity of the water but that is in the smaller tributaries and not the main body of the lake.

Lastly Mr. Earley reported that there is 1.385 million acre feet of storage currently in Lake Oroville.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report discussing with the Board the change in the Trustees at the Rock Creek Reclamation District. Mr. Cooper also reported on the lawsuit of Assemblyman Gallagher against Governor Newsom's mandates under the Emergency Services Act.

Turning to other business the Board next discussed the status of the Public Records Act Request for Mr. William Bynum. Declarations from certain Directors are needed to complete their tasks. Director Stone will work on finding his records as will Kelby Sheppard.

Mr. Earley next provided an update on the ongoing evapotranspiration discussions concerning rice. He reported that he believes there is enough consensus with the technical team to likely increase the ET from 2.9 to 3.1 or 3.2. Given that were this close he believes there should be a discussion about the practical need of staying at 3.3. There is interest in the State Water Project Contractors in a Fall water analysis of evapotranspiration for potential Fall water transfers. Coverage for voluntary agreement. The Board then discussed the policy implications of bifurcating an irrigation season transfer verses a Fall water transfer. Mr. Cooper advised that the only scenario where he believes it would be appropriate to consider a Fall water transfer is following an irrigation season transfer of that same field.

The next item of business was to consider potential office rental to the Farm Bureau. Mr. Earley reported that the Farm Bureau is interested. The rate for the rental would be \$500 per office for approximately 6 months. Mr. Cooper was asked to right a 6 month lease with a potential 6 month extension, the term not to be longer than 1 year, a need for a COVID-19 rider and an estimated start date in December. Mr. Cooper will prepare a draft and that will be considered at a future Board meeting.

The last item of open session business was an update from Mr. Earley on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment project report. It is over 100 pages long. It identifies minor and significant new needs. The local representatives on this assessment panel are upset at the outcome. The lower level outlet valve is now off the table because it is not cost effective. The proper maximum flow at Oroville is 475,000 cfs. Fortunately, the comprehensive needs assessment project report does not have any impacts to water supply according to Mr. Earley.

The meeting was then adjourned into closed session at 2:59 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:02 p.m. Vice-President Meyer announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 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, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was held in person. The Regular Meeting of Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020, by Lyle Job, President of the Board of Directors. Director Meyer and Director Stone were present. Director Meyer was absent. Other officers and staff present were Districts Treasurer Kelby Sheppard (by phone), Districts General Manager Sean Earley and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The first item of business was to consider the minutes from the meeting dated November 19, 2020. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by President Job, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

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

Kelby Sheppard provided 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 \$355,333.57. During the month of November 2020 there were disbursements of \$105,642.50, including payroll disbursements of \$37,340.21, payroll taxes of \$2,296.57 and Bank Charges of \$31.95. Cash Receipts during November were \$168,730.56 and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of November 2020 was \$443,295.56. Mr. Cooper offered a discussion in concerns in light of the state of the California economy and holding surplus District funds in LAIF. The Board discussed a backup plan for their funds if needed and to move District proceeds into US Bank. Concerning the state of the Districts budget, Mr. Earley reported that he is happy with the District being \$191,121.68 in the positive. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by President Job 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. The Joint Districts had their normal monthly discussion concerning the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Bay-Delta matters and water transfers. Biggs West Gridley Water District made a request for relief from the water overage charge which was denied by the Joint District members. Lastly the Joint Districts discussed Donnie Stinnett's salary adjustment. He was awarded a 1.9% COLA and a \$5000 performance bonus for a good year.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report. Lake Oroville has been drafting but it may shortly begin increasing in storage depending on recent storms. The storage is not bad for the completion of the decomposition season and multiple use of water during the Fall water period. Lake Oroville storage is at 1.26 million acre feet.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report discussing the recent Friant settlement of the subsidence damage to the Friant-Kern Canal and also discussing recent water transfer interest from the Friant Contractors.

Turning to other business, the Board discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Earley and Director Stone attended a phone meeting for GSA's of SGMA. Facilitation services were extended through 2021. Supervisor Lucero attended the recent GSA meeting and conveyed with other environmental organizations concern with this basin's relationship with other basins including the Colusa subbasin.

Next Mr. Earley offered the Board an update on the ongoing evapotranspiration of applied water discussion for rice. Mr. Earley reported that it looks like the consensus from the technical folks is to move from number from 2.9 acre feet per acre to 3.1 acre feet per acre. However, there is some concern whether DWR will actually make that number permanent.

The District next discussed the Richvale Landowner meeting in 2021. Mr. Earley does not believe an in-person meeting will be possible. The question is whether if the Directors would like to have virtual meeting or a pamphlet or newsletter. Direction was given by the Directors to look into conducting a zoom meeting for landowners or putting on a video onto the Districts website.

Finally, concerning items of other business the Board directed Mr. Earley to establish January 20, 20201 for the Winter water shutoff.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:23 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and a performance evaluation for the General Manager was conducted.


The Board than discussed in open session changes in manager and staff salaries and compensation packages. After discussion a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to accept the manager's recommendations on salary changes and bonuses to employees and for the General Manager, a COLA adjustment of 1.9% in the manger's salary and a one-time performance bonus of \$25,000.

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

  
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