

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022, by President Job. All Directors were present. Kelby Sheppard was absent. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and member of the public Jenny Scheer.

The Board first considered the adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 16, 2021. A motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Stone, and unanimously carried to adopt the minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's report was given by Sean Earley given the absence of Kelby Sheppard. Mr. Earley introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$256,466.24. During the month of December 2021 there were disbursements of \$114,521.12, including payroll disbursements of \$57,685.33, payroll taxes of \$3,473.61, transfers and adjustments of \$14,373.25, check disbursements of \$38,944.98 and bank charges of \$43.95. Cash Receipts during December were \$24,315.21, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of December 2021 was \$199,867.64. President Job questioned on where the District came out in relation of actual verses budgeted based on the 2021 fiscal year. Mr. Earley responded that net income will be down about \$500,000 in 2021, but that actual figures will be available in the coming month. 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 Joint Water Districts Board meeting. First, Biggs West Gridley Water District authorized and appointed Donnie Stinnett as the interim General Manager under the Employee Sharing Agreement approved by the Joint Districts. Mr. Earley is also assisting Donnie with Biggs West Gridley Water District matters. If the interim arrangement with Mr. Stinnett ends up becoming a full time position then the Districts need to recruit a new Joint Water Districts Board Manager. Next, the Joint Districts appointed new officers for 2022. Walt Meyer was appointed Chair, Charlie Etcheverry was appointed Vice Chair and Walt Meyer was appointed the NCWA representative. The Joint Districts discussed the upcoming water season and hydrology and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act activities for the Butte and Sutter subbasins.

Mr. Earley offered a manager's report. Lake Oroville storage is at 1.53 million acre feet and is looking good statistically for a full irrigation season supply in 2022. However, there are

some concerns in light of still lower than average storage levels for potential impacts to Fall water availability in 2022.

Mr. Cooper provided an Attorney's report. He reported on the TUCP's for 2021 and proposed TUCP's for 2022. He also reported on the AquaAlliance lawsuit serving DWR and Reclamation for deliveries to settlement and diversion agreement holders.

Turning to items of business the Board considered extending the office lease to Butte County Farm Bureau. The price has increased from \$1,500 per month to \$1,800 per month. With that change, a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to authorize execution of the extension of lease with the change in monthly rent.

The Board next discussed a potential Richvale Irrigation District Landowner Meeting. After discussion with question and answer the Board directed staff to prepare a landowner meeting for March 17, 2022 at the Church or here at the Richvale Irrigation District shop beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Board next considered an Employee Share Agreement Biggs West Gridley Water District. This would allow Mr. Earley or any other employee of Richvale to assist Biggs West Gridley Water District as it transitions from its prior general manager to a potential new general manager. After discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize the District's execution of the Employee Share Agreement with Biggs West Gridley Water District.

Turning to the 2022 proposed budget. Mr. Earley provided a draft and advised that this would just be an informational item for discussion today. Mr. Earley walked through the assumptions that he made in preparing the budget including that it would be a full supply year and a full plant. Mr. Earley has also assumed that there would be a larger Grant outlay for both expenses and revenue coming in. The draft budget will be edited and refined and reported back to the Board for potential adoption at its next meeting.

The Board next received an update on the Richvale Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Grant. Mr. Earley reported that the District is in the last stages of environmental review. NMFS has 45 days to submit any comments or changes. He hopes and expects to begin construction by Fall 2022. The Board advised this would be a good time to discuss at the upcoming March Richvale Irrigation District Landowner meeting.

The Board next considered the Delinquent invoice from Solis Farms. Mr. Earley is seeking direction of potential collection. After discussion and question and answer it was concluded and the Board directed Mr. Earley to add the amount to the 2022 irrigation season of prepayment invoice.

The Board next considered a vehicle allowance for the General Manager. Mr. Cooper introduced the topic reminding the Board that this was discussed in December and he was tasked with discussing with ACWA JPIA and seeing if there were any pitfalls or other concerns that the Board ought to consider. Mr. Earley discussed the proposal and reported that this would provide


greater flexibility. His desire would be that this would be a lateral move and cost neutral to the District. The Board than discussed the appropriate value for a monthly vehicle allowance insuring that it would be price neutral to the District. Ultimately the Board directed Mr. Earley to bring back draft figures for consideration of the Board such that there would be no increase in cost to the District. This item will be brought back for potential action at the next meeting.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:26 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:18 p.m. President Job announced that Direction was given to Legal Counsel and to Real Property Negotiators.




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


Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: 
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2022 by President Job. All Directors were present. Kelby Sheppard was absent. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board first considered the adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 20, 2022. A motion was made by Director Stone, seconded by Director Meyer, and the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

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

Mr. Earley provided the Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills in Treasurer Kelby Sheppard's absence. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$199,867.64. During the month of January, 2022 there were disbursements of \$114,722.25, including payroll disbursements of \$40,617.70, payroll taxes of \$3,159.81, transfers and adjustments of \$-0-, check disbursements of \$70,917.79 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during January were \$71,301.72, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of January, 2022 was \$156,447.11. Mr. Earley commented that this month is a big month of expenses largely because of payment of NCWA dues. President Job questioned the Big Valley expenditure and Mr. Earley responded that that is for chemicals. 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 Joint Water Districts Board meeting. Work conducted under the Employee Sharing Agreement between the Joint Districts and Biggs West-Gridley Water District was summarized and discussed. It was also reported that Richvale has a similar agreement so that Richvale employees can assist Biggs West-Gridley Water District. Concerning the water season, an update was provided for Lake Oroville storage and 2022 allotted water season. The Joint Districts discussed primary-to-primary water sales and decided to leave pricing at \$5.00 per acre foot and there will be a different price for secondary sales. The Biggs West-Gridley Water District project to increase capacity at the Belding Gate was discussed and concerns were expressed regarding capacity issues at the Biggs Extension and a potential for bottle necks up in the A joint that have not even been considered yet. The Joint Districts wish to resolve any potential issues now before any Gray Lodge demand is increased and potentially hardened.

Next, Mr. Earley provided a Manager's report. Lake Oroville storage is at 47% full, 77% of average. Storage has plateaued and is no longer gaining given an increase in releases due to Delta requirements. Shasta Reservoir continues to be in seriously bad shape and that creates cascading concerns with Lake Oroville storage. Mr. Earley also reported on the State Water Project and Central Valley Project coordinated operations agreement.

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the Tuscan Water District formation and the hearing that was conducted at the Butte County LAFCO.

Turning to items of business the Board discussed the RID landowner meeting which will be scheduled for March 17 at 10:00 a.m. It will either be at the church or the shop. Following that meeting, the District will conduct its regular meeting.

Mr. Earley next provided an update on the RID infrastructure modernization grant. The District anticipates receiving half of the gates tomorrow and will be ready for construction once the irrigation season is complete. Concerning environmental impact analysis, the Federal Fish & Wildlife Agency continues to review and may want some additional mitigation measures to avoid giant garter snake concerns.

Turning to the annual budget, Mr. Earley provided an overview of assumptions including those related to revenue expectations and expenses. Three budgets were prepared, one in the event of a water cut, second in the event of full supply and third in the event of a water transfer. The Board discussed the potential drought surcharge through the Proposition 218 process and engaged in an extensive discussion and question and answer period with Mr. Earley concerning the three budget scenarios. A motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to adopt the proposed 2022 full supply and plant budget subject to amendments in the event of change conditions.

The Board next received an update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act activities. The public comment period has opened on the now approved Butte Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The District has allocated \$8,000 in budget for SGMA reporting in 2022. There is possibly a need for the District to construct, along with other GSA's, small groundwater monitoring wells.

The Board considered a vehicle allowance for the General Manager. Mr. Earley reported that he has not had a chance to look into this item and asked that it be brought back to a future meeting.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:50 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and to Real Property Negotiators.





There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: 
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022**

The Special meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022 by President Job. All Directors were present. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, District's Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper and numerous District landowners.

The meeting was called to order and the Landowner meeting was convened. Manger Sean Earley provided a power point presentation of pending District issues and matters and then engaged in a question and answer period with the District Landowners. The meeting was temporally adjourned and then reconvened with just the Board members, Mr. Earley and Mr. Cooper to conduct District business.

The Board next considered adoption of the minutes from the February 17, 2022. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer the minutes were unanimously adopted as presented.

President Job next allowed for opportunity for public comment on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of Richvale Irrigation District that do not appear on the agenda. President Job reported that he has invited a representative of PG&E that has interest in leasing ground for PG&E gasline project in the vicinity of the District. We will return to public comment on this topic when the PG&E representative arrives.

Kelby Sheppard provided the treasurers report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$156,447.11. During the month of February, there were disbursements of \$156,331.38, including payroll disbursements of \$43,321.12, payroll taxes of \$3,371.44, transfers and adjustments of \$-0-, check disbursements of \$109,611.87 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during February were \$161,955.95, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of February was \$162,071.68. Following discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to accept the treasurers report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley reported on the Joint Water District's Board meeting. First, Danny Robinson was in attendance, he has been appointed the new General Manager of Biggs West Gridley Water District. The Joint District's discussed the upcoming water season and are preparing for upcoming calls with DWR regarding 2022 operations. The Joint District's received a SGMA update concerning the Butte Subbasin and Sutter Subbasin. There was also a discussion regarding the reverse validation action filed in the Butte Subbasin. The Joint District's authorized Director Neves to purchase new loader tires in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The managers were also instructed to look at potentially acquiring a new loader through the Carl Moyer Program. The Joint District's discussed the NCWA dues. Most of the District sees value in the

role of NCWA despite very significant dues being paid. There were, however, concerns expressed by Butte Water District and Biggs West Gridley Water District. Manager Donnie Stinnett and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper provided an update on the seepage and liability discussion under the Joint Operating Agreement and that that topic would be brought back at a future month. Finally, the Joint District's discussed in closed session the same topics that the District will discuss today.

Mr. Earley provided a manager's and hydrology report. He first reported on Lake Oroville storage, 8 Station Precipitation Report and Statewide Storage Report. In the even of a 50% supply, Mr. Earley reported that he would propose implanting a drought reduction in a very similar to what was done last year. Director Stone questioned Mr. Earley about calibrating meters for groundwater wells and Mr. Earley responded that he is not worried about that, but if anything appears off, it is pumped into the District's system and then we can have the District's Engineer's measure.

Mr. Cooper did not provide an Attorney's report.

Turning to other items of business the Board considered an EIR Addendum – Scope of work and budget. After discussion and introduction by Mr. Earley a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize the scope of the work and budget in the total amount of about \$94,000, time and materials to not exceed price.

The Board next discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Earley reported that the District is working along with other GSA's on an annual report that is currently in draft form that will adopted by each GSA at April meeting. The next BAB meeting is scheduled for May. Lastly, the GSA's are working on a cost share addendum for equal pro-rata shares for each of the 11 GSA's to fund ongoing SGMA implementation activities.

Concerning other business, the Directors discussed the water year forecast breakdown. Mr. Earley provided handouts of discussions with the Department of Water Resources and fielded questions concerning the likelihood of full supply in 2022 and concerns of a river valve only operation being earlier than occurred in 2021.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 1:28 p.m. to accommodate public comment by Kevin Muzikar, representative of PG&E, who provided comment concerning PG&E's project to test and replace gaslines within the District's service area, the need to potentially pump groundwater wells and discharge them into District facilities.

The Board then reconvened into closed session at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:29 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and Real Property Negotiators.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:



SEAN EARLEY/Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022 by President Job. All Directors were present. Also present were District's Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board next considered adoption of the minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting and upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job next allowed 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 that Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$162,071.68. During the month of March, 2022 there were disbursements of \$96,318.25, including payroll disbursements of \$45,207.68, payroll taxes of \$3,515.75, transfers and adjustments of \$-0-, check disbursements of \$47,567.87 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during March were \$108,802.73, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of March, 2022 was \$211,240.51. President Job observed, that at least so far, it looks like the District's books are in the black for the year. Mr. Earley responded that in light of the drought reduction and irrigation supply for the irrigation season that is going to change. 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 summary of the most recent Joint Water Districts Board meeting. The Joint Districts discussed Oroville Operations, the Sustainable groundwater Management Act and the Governors Executive Order, how water started on April 18 and the Richvale main started on the 14. They also discussed Voluntary Agreements and instructed Mr. Cooper to put together a list of outstanding issues. Lastly, they discussed 2022 water transfers.

Mr. Earley next provided a Lake Oroville and hydrology report. Thus far this April the area has received above average precipitation, but that is coming off of the driest January-March's on record. Mr. Earley expressed a wish that DWR in light of this April precipitation would have decided on something less than the full 50% that was entitled to this year to preserve the ability over the next 5 years to have some percentage of cut given the fact that the Districts have had two successive years of 50% cuts, meaning that per contract for the next 5 years the Districts can not be cut. DWR is projecting river valve only operations in August. Hopefully that could be extended out into September or October in light of wet April weather.

Mr. Earley next discussed the tentative 2022 curtailment plan. He observed that almost everything will look very similar to last year including a 2.8 acre foot per primary acre allocation. Mr. Earley will modify the budget in light of drought reduction. The District will incur the same or a bit more cost in light of the drought reduction but will have less revenue.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report. He discussed the status of Paradise Irrigation District's ongoing efforts to recover from the campfire, the 18% allocation given to Sacramento River Settlement Contractors and water transfers.

Turning to items of business, the Board discussed the Water Transfers EIR Addendum. The EIR was analyzed for a period ending this year, meaning that for next year and future transfers, the District will need to reengage a CEQA consultant and analyze any potential changes to the EIR. What is presented is a contract to do that work. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize the execution of the contract documents with CDM Smith to prepare a CEQA analysis for extending the transfer EIR into future years.

Turning to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Mr. Earley reported that the Governor has issued an Executive Order that requires the Counties and GSA's to coordinate on the issuance of new well permits or significant rehabilitation of existing wells. The GSA's in the Butte subbasin are in discussion with the Counties to determine whether a blanket approval or some other template approval is appropriate. After further discussion a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize a blanket letter authorizing new wells or well rehabilitation subject to revisions by the General Manager and Legal Counsel to the letter.

The Board next discussed the likelihood of a 2022 budget adjustment in light of drought conditions. Mr. Earley will revise the budget accordingly and present it for revised adoption at a future meeting. Mr. Earley observed that the District does have sufficient reserves to get through the year.

The Board next considered a part time employee contract for Randy Gilmore. Legal Counsel has been consulted. Mr. Earley recommends a part time employee arrangement with Mr. Gilmore. It would be good to have a backup and someone to assist in the event of other employees being sick or otherwise not available. It would be an hourly arrangement and without benefits and no specific time schedule. After further discussion with question and answer a motion as made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to authorize execution of the part time employee agreement.

There being no further open session business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:38 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

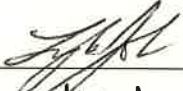

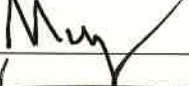

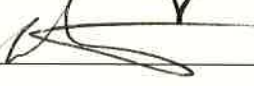
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: 
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 by President Job. All Directors were present. Also present were District's Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board next considered adoption of the minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting and upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job next allowed 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 that Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$211,240.51. During the month of April, 2022 there were disbursements of \$64,41.02, including payroll disbursements of \$44,301.83, payroll taxes of \$3,446.49, transfers and adjustments of \$107,930.88, check disbursements of \$124,596.63 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during April were \$132,980.12, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of April, 2022 was \$211,240.51. Mr. Earley advised the you will see on the District's warrants list a large cold water payment, that accounts for the large transfer from LAIF. There will 1-2 more large drawdowns from LAIF to get through this year. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone to unanimously accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

It was at this point in the meeting that Kalah Horton arrived. To accommodate her schedule, item 9(a) was moved up in the Agenda. Ms. Horton presented the auditors report for the 2021 financial statements. In all, the auditor found a clean set of books and presented a clean audit. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to accept and file the auditors report for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Mr. Earley next reported on the Joint Water Districts Board meeting. In attendance at the Joint Water Districts meeting was Tito Cervantes and his colleagues from the Department of Water Resources presenting on DWR's water balance efforts for Sacramento Valley. Dominic Neves was able to get a good deal on new loader tires for the loader at the Vance Ave Rock Pit. The Joint Districts discussed an amendment to the Joint Water Districts Board Operating Agreement for liability purposes. The remaining items that were discussed at the meeting are on this agenda and will discussed later on.

Mr. Earley next provided a manager's report. Lake Oroville is at 70% of historic average, 55% of total capacity at approximately 1.941 million acre feet. The directors and staff discussed

why DWR did not consider an increase in allocation in light of the District's entitlement to 100% allocation per contact for the next 5 years. Mr. Earley also reported on a desire to hire a former employee, Clinton Johnson who will run a beat rather than be a watermaster as his former position. That will allow the District to return to a normal 6 man crew. The Board discussed the item and is fine with the direction.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorneys report discussing the Paradise Irrigation District Settlement with the fire victim trust and the state of 2022 water transfers.

Turning to other business the Board considered a Union Pacific Lease Agreement. Mr. Earley introduced the item reminding the Board that they authorized to pay the lease last year of \$5,000. There is a 30 day notice in June to terminate the lease. He will agendize it for potential revocation next year. In total with last year and this year there is a \$10,000 bill to the railroad. Ultimately the goal remains to terminate the lease and not utilize that area. A motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by Director Stone and unanimously carried to authorize Mr. Earley to execute the lease and pay the rent.

The Board next received an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Earley is working on the verification from the GSA for new wells in the District as required by the Governor's Executive Order. There will be a manager's meeting regarding SGMA topics on Monday and the managers are still focused on funding of the 11 GSA's and 11 equal shares to fund general administration of the plan and the annual reporting.

The Board next received an update on the cold water payment. Mr. Earley reported that the District is waiting on a check from the 2020 payment which is around \$311,000. There will be expenses of about \$94,000 and then the District will distribute the balance to landowners. Mr. Earley continued to express concern about excessive administration fees especially from Land IQ.

The Board next discussed Wheeling Groundwater using District infrastructure. Mr. Earley reported that he has received questions from landowners about potential concerns with the interpretation on what it means to have a downstream home for well water. There was then a discussion amongst the Board and staff regarding the intent of this language as it is a carry over from the 2015 cut year. Mr. Earley would like to make sure that it is crystal clear on interpretation and application of the rule in the future. Ultimately, direction was given to Mr. Earley to continue with the District's practice from 2015 and 2021.

The Board than adjourned into closed session at 3:42 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:59 p.m. President Job 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/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, Directors Stone and Job were present. Director Meyer was absent. Also present were District's General Manager, Sean Earley and Legal Counsel, Andrew McClure.

The Board next considered the regular meeting Minutes for May 19, 2022. Upon a motion made by President Job, seconded by Director Stone, the minutes were adopted as presented by unanimous approval.

President Job next allowed 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.

General Manager Sean Earley provided that Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$321,848.73. During the month of May, 2022 there were disbursements of \$416,218.23, including payroll disbursements of \$56,863.45, payroll taxes of \$4,417.49, transfers and adjustments of \$73,337.17, check disbursements of \$281,556.17 and bank charges of \$43.95. Cash Receipts during May were \$82,512.22, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of May, 2022 was \$261,479.89. Mr. Earley further provided an update on the Smart Water Infrastructure Implementation Grant and advised USFW review should be complete by end of July and CDFW review completed by end of August. Mr. Earley advised that with Fall water likely to be available even if the grant does not come through, it will be operations and business as usual. Director Stone suggested a letter to landowners advising of the potential impact to growers of availability of Fall water and Mr. Earley agreed he would prepare a letter advising landowners of a planned project for approximately six weeks after the end of irrigation, but due to continued uncertainty the District would be unable to make specific commitments for dates available for Fall water. Mr. Earley then presented a review of claims and expenditures and on motion by Director Stone, seconded by President Job, the warrants were approved as presented.

Mr. Earley next reported on the Joint Water Districts Board meeting. First item taken up was a report on SGMA for the Butte Subbasin and specifically funding by and for the subbasin by member entities. General consensus was reached that a consultant should be hired to help administer SGMA for the subbasin and that the costs of the consultant would be funded by member entities with an expectation that costs would likely be reimbursed by a SGMA Grant that is currently under review. The County of Butte will hold and disperse the funds for the consultant and other GSA activities as the fiscal agent. The County at this point is preparing the Second Annual Report on SGMA Compliance as required by the Act. Mr. Earley then reported the Joint District are currently evaluating each District's share of liability on the Sutter Main Canal. Joint Water Board Counsel is currently developing a structure that would track each District's flows in that Main Canal.

Mr. Earley next provided a manager's and hydrology report. He advised current Oroville storage is at 1.8 million acre-feet. He advised that 2022 north of Delta storage, including Oroville storage is significantly better than in 2021.

Mr. Earley then presented the Water Operations Update for 2022. According to the table presented, Richvale ID's 2022 entitlement is 84,350 acre-feet. The allotted diversions for 2022 as of the date of the report was 35,193 acre-feet. The allotted balance is 49,157 acre-feet. The District has used 41.7% of its allotment to date and average cfs remaining through September 30 is 241 cfs.

Mr. McClure offered an attorney's report. He advised the Board on a submittal of a petition for rulemaking by various nongovernmental organizations requesting the State Water Resources Control Board to initiate a rulemaking procedure for Bay-Delta water quality. The Minasian office reviewed Petition for Rulemaking and concluded that no action or comments were necessary because the Board was unlikely to take up the petition given its existing statutory obligation to adopt a water quality plan. Mr. McClure then provided an update on the NRDC's Petition for Reconsideration of the Bureau of Reclamation approved 2022 Temperature Management Plan. He advised the Petition for Reconsideration included a request that the State Board require curtailments of contract deliveries to the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority and Feather River Settlement Contractors notwithstanding that the TMP is not related to contract deliveries in any regard.

Mr. Earley then presented the consideration of an amendment to Richvale's 457 Plan and 401A Plan which would amend the Plan to allow employees who have separated from RID service for any reason to be able to take a loan out against their accounts the same as an active employee. Mr. Earley advised he was not opposed to the proposal, as the money in the accounts belonged to the separated employees and there would be no additional cost to the District. On motion by Director Stone, seconded by President Job, the motion to approve the plan amendments carried unanimously.


Mr. Earley advised that the SGMA report had been provided in connection with the Joint Water Board Meeting report

The Board then adjourned into closed session at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 2:44 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and Staff.



There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: 
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022 by President Job. President Job and Director Meyer were in attendance. Director Stone was absent. Also present were, Donnie Stinnett, General Manager of the Joint Water Board, District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper. District's Treasurer Kelby Sheppard was absent.

The Board next considered adoption of the minutes from the June 23, 2022 special meeting and upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by President Job and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the minutes as presented.

President Job next allowed 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.

In Kelby Sheppard's absence Mr. Earley provided that Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$261,479.89. During the month of June, 2022 there were disbursements of \$138,879.24, *SPE* including payroll disbursements of \$47,806.98, payroll taxes of \$3,733.74, transfers and adjustments of \$38,123.17, check disbursements of \$49,171.40 and bank charges of \$43.95. Cash Receipts during June were \$117,314.47, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of June, 2022 was \$278,038.29. Mr. Earley reported that he expects cold water funds to be received soon for the 2020 crop year. Mr. Earley provided an overview of the budget and cost expenses and revenue in relation to budget thus far this year. After further discussion with question and answer a motion as made by Director Meyer seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills. *138,879.24*

Given Mr. Stinnett's attendance, the Joint Water District's Board update was provided by him. Both Mr. Stinnett and Mr. Cooper were authorized to move forward with drafting an amendment to the Joint Operating Agreement to cover liability. The draft agreement will then be reviewed again by the Joint Water District's Board at its upcoming August Board meeting before potentially being distributed to the home Boards for further input and consideration. The rest of the topics discussed by the Joint Districts will be discussed in closed session later in this meeting.

Mr. Earley offered a manager's report. Oroville Lake is at 1.555 million acre feet. The end of September storage is forecasted to be at about 1.25 of 1.3 million acre feet.

Mr. Cooper provided an attorney's report. Updating the Board on the topic of the State water Resources Control Board Racial Equity Emphasis and the recent denial by the State Water Board of the petition from tribal groups and environmental organizations on Racial Equity grounds to modify the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

Turning to other business, the Board considered authorizing the general manger to increase the irrigation season allocation by .20 acre feet per primary acre to a total of 3.0 acre feet per primary acre. Mr. Earley introduced the topic walking the Board through his math and how he believes with this increase, there is still sufficient buffer in the event of unanticipated losses. Mr. Earley also reminded the Board that last year the allocation of the District was 3.05 acre feet per primary acre and this would be a total of 3.0 acre feet per primary acre. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to authorize the increase in primary allocation of .20 acre feet per primary acre to a total 2022 irrigation season allocation of 3.0 acre feet per primary acre.

The Board next received an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Earley reported on the status of ongoing discussions and implementation of the GSP in the subbasin. He also reported that in light of Director Stone's illness, he will attend more of the meetings as the District's representative.

The Board next received an update from Mr. Earley on its Infrastructure Modernization Grant. Mr. Earley reported that the District is receiving more of the prefabricated gates and structures tomorrow. The District continues its pre-project maintenance activities in anticipation of the larger project occurring with a new expected start date of November 1, 2022. The environmental review process is still being undertaken and the parties are currently in a 30 day public review period and that is the reason why the anticipated start date for the project was bumped from October 1, 2022 to November 1, 2022. It is expected at the District's next regular meeting in August that the District will be receiving and potentially acting on bids for concrete work in support of the project.

The Board than adjourned into closed session at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:14 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and Staff.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022 by President Job. All Directors were in attendance. Director Stone was present by phone with the meeting posted and agendized for Director Stones remote attendance. Also present were District's Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board next considered adoption of the minutes from the July 21, 2022 special meeting. There was a correction to the treasurer's report, the correct amount should be \$138,879.24. 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 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 that Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$278,038.29. During the month of July, 2022 there were disbursements of \$306,168.47, including payroll disbursements of \$70,400.54, payroll taxes of \$5,515.72, transfers and adjustments of \$103,035.67, check disbursements of \$127,189.59 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during July were \$13,939.99, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of July, 2022 was \$113,490.91. Mr. Earley reported that he will need to move an additional \$300,000 from LAIF as the District is frontloading expenses that will ultimately be reimbursed under the Districts grant with the Bureau of Reclamation. This month there was abnormal expenses due to the Districts share of NCWA dues. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley reported on the Joint Water District Board meeting. They discussed Oroville operations, Fall Water, SGMA matters effecting the Joint Districts and the balance of the discussion of the Joint Districts meeting will be covered in closed session.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's report. Lake Oroville is at 39% capacity. 62% of historic average at 1.376 million acre feet. Normally under these storage levels there would be no issue with availability of Fall Water but DWR has at least introduced a different approach potentially for this year. Richvale is coordinating on the Fall Water discussion with Western Canal and the other Joint Board member districts. There is a continued need to put together documentary support for all the multiple beneficial uses of water in the Fall and Winter period.

Mr. Earley next reported on Richvale Water Operations. He reminded the Board that they increased the primary allocation to .2 acre feet per primary acre last month. Mr. Earley observed that all landowners are using more water than they did last year. However, the District has an

8000 acre foot buffer left. About 2,600 of that is unallocated as a contingency. Mr. Earley raised a concern about in drought years, a potential future limit on landowners planting rice late and how that effects water operations for the totality of the District.

Mr. Cooper offered an attorney's report. He discussed the most recent Supreme Court decision in the case County of Butte vs. DWR.

Turing to other business the Board considered a supplement to the 1970 Joint Operating Agreement to potentially address liability in the event of seepage claims, drownings or other events given rise to potential liability amongst the Joint Districts. On behalf of the Joint Water Districts Board, Mr. Cooper prepared a liability amendment with different options. Question and answer occurred amongst the Board and ultimately a motion was made by President Job seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to direct the Richvale Irrigation Districts Joint Water Board member, Director Walt Meyer and manager Sean Earley to recommend option 2 and 3% for the first blank in the agreement as to a material modification in flowage and A joint and also a 7 day waiting period for a roll call vote in the second blank.

Mr. Early next briefly reported on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. There is a Butte subbasin advisory Board meeting on August 1 at 3:00pm.

Mr. Earley next reported on the Infrastructure Modernization Grant. The District received good news that a letter of concurrence was forthcoming from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Early continues to hope for an October 15, 2022 start date for gate construction. They may need to do concrete slabs in the Spring of 2023. Mr. Earley spoke highly of the benefits of the completed project including remote controlled SCADA controlled system and how that will benefit water operations and save on fuel costs.

Finally in other business the Board and Mr. Cooper discussed the California Water Supply Strategy. Mr. Cooper walked through the document and highlighted its main points and the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Mr. Cooper.

The Board than adjourned into closed session at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:58 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

The Special meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 by President Job. All Directors were in attendance except Director Stone. Also present were District's Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board next considered adoption of the minutes from the August 18, 2022 regular meeting. Upon a motion by Director Meyer seconded by President Job it was unanimously carried to adopt the minutes as presented.

President Job next allowed 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 that Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$113,490.91. During the month of August, 2022 there were disbursements of \$201,307.65, including payroll disbursements of \$44,132.31, payroll taxes of \$3,483.19, transfers and adjustments of \$196,877.35, check disbursements of \$350,542.55 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during August were \$13,904.78, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of August, 2022 was \$358,676.44. President Job commented that Fall Water sales would really assist with the District's finances this year. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by President Job 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's Board meeting. The Surplus Water Agreement with South Feather Water and Power Agency was approved, but it may not be needed this year. Although, if excess water is needed for the irrigation season, then that water could serve as backup. The balance of the items that were discussed by the Joint District's Board will be covered in Richvale's agenda.

My Earley offered a manger's and hydrology report. Lake Oroville storage is at 36% of capacity which is 64% of historic average. Total storage is 1.25 million acre feet and is projected to be at 1.2 million acre feet at the end of the month. The total diversions to date item, Mr. Earley reported that there is between 2400 and 2500 acre feet that is unallocated. The system is currently shut off. There are a few active services, but those are being handled through leaks in the system.

Mr. Cooper provided an attorney's report. He reported on the Stanford Law students Petition for Reconsideration on behalf of Tribal and NGO interests raising racial equity and other concerns with the State Water Board Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan process. Mr. Cooper also provided an update on water transfers.

Turning to items of business, the Board considered adoption of a Supplemental Cost Sharing Amendment for the Butte Subbasin Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Earley introduced the item and reported that the Board has already allocated \$8,000 in the budget for SGMA activities. The 11 GSA's in the subbasin will also contribute \$8,000 each. This agreement is expected to be in place for one year before additional revenues are needed. A motion was made by Director Meyer seconded by President Job and unanimously carried to authorize execution of the Supplemental Cost Sharing Amendment for the Butte Subbasin Cooperation Agreement.

The Board next received an Infrastructure Modernization Grant and System Operations for Fall Water Deliveries update. Mr. Earley reported that the District is in the final stages of receiving approvals and will likely be able to proceed in late October or early November. Mr. Earley would like to install the gates once the approvals are secured. There are 4 concrete defined channels that will need to be poured at some future date. Fall water could then be potentially started in November and run until the District's allocation is complete. Some of the work under the modernization grant may need to be carried forward into the Spring.

The Board then adjourned into closed session at 8:57 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:58 a.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

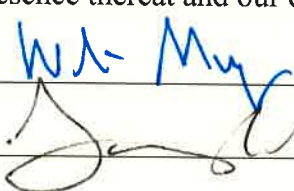
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RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:


SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022 by Vice President Meyer. All Directors were in attendance except President Job. Also present were District's Treasurer Kelby Sheppard, District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board next considered adoption of the minutes from the September 21, 2022 special meeting. Upon a motion by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to adopt the minutes as presented.

Vice President Meyer next allowed 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 that Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$358,676.44. During the month of September, 2022 there were disbursements of \$156,067.59, including payroll disbursements of \$45,912.29, payroll taxes of \$3,619.38, transfers and adjustments of \$19,698.01, check disbursements of \$86,793.96 and bank charges of \$43.95. Cash Receipts during September were \$3,503.50, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of September, 2022 was \$228,293.24. Mr. Earley observed that grant reimbursements will likely begin to come in next month, hopefully in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Mr. Earley also commented that he hopes to not have to pull any further funds from the Districts LAIF account, which are the District's reserves. After further 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 provided an update on the Joint Water District Board Meeting. First, the Joint Districts received public comment from Carl and Susan Schoer urging the Districts to write a letter to DWR. Second, Mr. Earley reported on the Joint Water Districts discussion on finalizing the water season and the upcoming Fall water diversions. The Joint Districts also discussed SGMA and other topics that will be covered at this meeting.

Mr. Earley next offered a manager's and hydrology report. Lake Oroville is currently at 1.169 million acre feet. 2400 cfs is being released down river. Mr. Earley reported on his two separate tours. The first tour was for SWPAO staff and David's Engineering that included Ted Trimble and Donnie Stinnett. There was a tour of the Districts and water diversion facilities. Second, Mr. Earley conducted a tour of Zone 7 representatives who is a potential water transfer buyer in 2023. Mr. Earley next provided a report on the total diversions to date. Mr. Earley estimates that 4,296 acre feet are remaining, which is 330 acre feet per day or 167 cfs. Right now, the District is running at 115 cfs.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report discussing potential 2023 water transfers, the up to \$60 million received by the Sac River Settlement Contractors for drought relief funding and the State Water Board's draft racial equity plan.

Turning to other business, the Board considered bids for the Infrastructure Modernization Project. Mr. Earley introduced the topic reminding the Board that the engineers cost estimate was \$330,000. Mr. Earley opened the bids and provided a spreadsheet summarizing the key terms, including bid price for each of the bidding parties. Mr. Earley reported that he has vetted Eschelman Construction and its sub Hyatt Contracting. They are the low bid at \$307,511.21. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to accept Mr. Earley's recommendation to conditionally award to Eschelman's Construction, subject to the conditions and a letter to be transmitted to the construction firm.

The Board next considered a request by Biggs West Gridley Water District for irrigation season water up to 1000 acre feet. Mr. Earley reported that this would be to finish a primary obligation to Gray Lodge. Mr. Earley is proposing, if the Board is inclined to proceed, an unbalanced exchange where the District provides a certain block of water, for example, 500 acre feet and receives a larger block of water in return during the Fall Water period, for example, 1,000 or more acre feet. Mr. Earley and Directors expressed concern about benefiting Biggs West Gridley Water District landowners at the expense of Richvale Irrigation District's landowners. Vice President Meyer expressed a concern about accommodating this request and then having a capacity issue at a future date. After further discussion with question and answer a motion was made by Director Stone seconded by Director Meyer and unanimously carried to authorize up to 500 acre feet exchanged to Biggs West Gridley Water District on a 2:1 exchange where the District would receive 1,000 acre feet in return during the Winter water period and on the condition that no deliveries would be made to any Biggs West Gridley landowners except for Gray Lodge and on condition that Mr. Earley would help the District manage their system to make efficient use of this water.

The Board next received an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The GSA's in the subbasin are working on prioritizing projects for grant submittal. Richvale Irrigation District does not have any projects to put funding in for at this moment in time but the District will be better prepared in the future for future grant funding phases.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:39 p.m. Vice President Meyer announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: 
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022**

The Special meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 by President Job. All Directors were in attendance. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper. The District's Treasurer, Kelby Sheppard was not present.

The Board considered adoption of the minutes from the Special meeting held on October 30, 2022. Upon a motion by Director Stone, seconded by Director Meyer, the Board unanimously adopted the minutes as presented.

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

Sean Earley provided the Treasurer's report in Kelby Sheppard's absence and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$228,293.24. During the month of October, 2022 there were disbursements of \$145,023.73, including payroll disbursements of \$41,806.21, payroll taxes of \$3,057.29, transfers and adjustments of \$72,920.60, check disbursements of \$27,212.68 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during October were \$107,216.98, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of October, 2022 was \$276,025.56. Mr. Earley also reported that he feels good about the budget's reserves are at and given the last two consecutive years of drought conditions for the irrigation season and also commented that a water transfer would really assist the District's finances next year. Finally, Mr. Earley observed that interest payments were almost \$13,000.00 for the quarter, which is helping with the District's budget. After further 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 next reported on the Joint Water District Board Meeting. There were two meetings in the last month, the regular Joint District meeting and then a special meeting recently to consider fall and winter water use. Concerning the regular meeting topics, the Joint District discussed operations and the 2022 allotted water season. The Joint Districts collectively came within about a 100 acre feet of utilizing the entire 315,000 acre foot reduced irrigation season allotment. The Joint Districts considered and approved the water exchanges between the Joint Districts and Western Canal Water District. The Joint Districts received a SGMA update and considered other items that area also on the Agenda for today's meeting. At the Special meeting the Joint Districts discussed how to divide water amongst themselves and Western Canal concerning the non-allotted season for the reasonable and beneficial use in the November through March time period. Ultimately, the Joint Districts discussed for 2022-23 only that the managers would be delegated authority to resolve water deliveries, and in the event of any dispute, the matter would be brought back to the Joint Districts.

Mr. Earley next provided a manager's and hydrology report. Lake Oroville is still being

drafted. However, there is some weather in the forecast and total storage is 78% of normal as of a few weeks ago.

Mr. Cooper did not offer an Attorney's report.

Turning to items of business, the Board considered Resolution 2022-02 supporting the County of Butte's GSA application for sustainable groundwater management grant. Mr. Earley provided an introduction to the topic and, after question and answer, a motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Stone, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2022-02.

The Board next considered a addendum to extend the Western Canal Water District-Richvale Irrigation District Water Transfer Environmental Impact Report from 2023 to 2027. Mr. Earley and Mr. Cooper introduced the item, noting that the EIR was for an initial 5-year period of 2018-2022 and there was one transfer in 2018 undertaken pursuant to the environmental analysis. Counsel and the District's consultants considered whether there was significant new information or any changes to the document that would require subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report analysis and expert consultants have concluded that no such triggering events have occurred. Consequently, the District and Western Canal prepared an addendum to analyze continuing the Environmental Impact Report period of analysis an additional five years, from 2023 to 2027. Following that introduction, the Board opened a public hearing to receive comments, oral or written, concerning the addendum or the action being contemplated today. No such oral or written comments were provided. Having closed the public hearing, the Board considered adoption of Resolution 2022-03. By a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Stone, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2022-03, "A resolution of the Board of Directors of Richvale Irrigation District approving the addendum modifying and augmenting the final Environmental Impact Report for the Western Canal Water District and Richvale Irrigation District water transfers from 2018-2022 making and reaffirming certain CEQA findings, reapproving a mitigation monitoring and reporting program and approving the project as modified and augmented by the addendum."

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 9:12 a.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.


Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Richvale Irrigation District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022 by President Job. President Job and Director Meyer were present. Director Stone was absent. Also present were District's General Manager Sean Earley, District Treasurer Kelby Sheppard and Legal Counsel Dustin Cooper.

The Board considered adoption of the minutes from the Special meeting held on November 23, 2022. Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by President Job, the Board adopted the minutes as presented.

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

Kelby Sheppard provided the Treasurer's report and introduced the topic of payment of the bills. The District's beginning balance in the General Account was \$276,025.56. During the month of November, 2022 there were disbursements of \$97,293.81, including payroll disbursements of \$41,925.07, payroll taxes of \$2,570.35, transfers and adjustments of \$47,170.53, check disbursements of \$5,600.91 and bank charges of \$26.95. Cash Receipts during November were \$63,685.85, and the District's ending balance in the General Account at the end of November, 2022 was \$242,417.60. President Job questioned whether Mr. Earley thought he was going to withdraw any further funds from the LAIF account this year and Mr. Earley responded that probably not, but there may be a small need to draw upon further funds. Mr. Earley observed in the financial reports the importance of fall water to the District's financial statements. In addition to the financial health of the District and the sale of that water during that season, it is good for farms and habitat. Finally, as part of the budget discussion, Mr. Earley reported on some water transfer discussions already progressing which may help the budget going into the 2023 year. After further discussion, and question and answer, a motion was made by Directory Meyer, seconded by President Job, and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize the payment of the bills.

Mr. Earley did not report on the Joint Water Districts meeting in light of its cancellation. However, Mr. Earley did provide a handout updating the Board on the non-allotted water use in 2022 and observed that all of the Joint Water Districts are shutoff except for Butte Water District and Sutter Extension Water District at this point in time.

Mr. Earley next provided a Manager and Hydrology report. Lake Oroville is now over 1.0 million ac./ft. There was a great storm that hit our basin but the ten-day forecast does look dry. Currently at the eight station index, we are about average for precipitation to date.

Mr. Cooper offered an Attorney's report updating the Board on the status of potential water transfers in 2023 and the Western's? Water District's general manager vacancy.

Turning to other business, the Board considered extending the office lease with Butte County Farm Bureau. Mr. Earley introduced the topic advising that he believes this will be the last extension required. They have been good partners and good to work with in the office building. A motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by President Job, and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to sign Amendment No. 2 to the Lease extending the lease for additional year.

The Board next provided direction to Mr. Earley on 2023 landowner meeting. This will probably be done in February this year, at which time we should know more about the season and the water situation and cover any other topics such as potential transfers or District finances. After further discussion, the Board decided to set a date for a landowner meeting in January.

Mr. Earley next provided a SGMA update reminding the Board that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is still being reviewed by DWR and last month the District adopted a grant resolution supporting a grant request for the Butte Subbasin.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 2:19 p.m., reconvened in open session at 3:00 p.m. President Job announced that direction was given to Legal Counsel and that performance evaluations were done for all District employees.


In open session, the Board then considered changes to wages and benefits of all District employees, including the General Manager. A motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by President Job, and unanimously carried to accept the General Manager's recommendations for employee bonus and hourly raise totals, in general around 8% for each employee. Separately, and concerning the General Manager, a motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by President Job, and unanimously carried to increase the General Manager's salary to \$168,500.00 and to provide a one-time performance bonus of \$25,000.00.

In Director comments, President Job reported on Director Gary Stone's health.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By:  _____
SEAN EARLEY, Secretary/General Manager

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