

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
March 5, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Session at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Tom Orvis, President
Brad DeBoer, Vice President
Linda Santos
Herman Doornenbal
Ed Tobias

Staff Present: Scot A. Moody, General Manager/Secretary
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Thorburn, District Engineer/Water Operations Manager
Joe Kosakiewicz, Construction and Maintenance Manager
Kim Bukhari, Human Relations Manager (via phone)

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel
Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel (via phone)

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

General Manager, Scot Moody requested Consent Item No. 5 be pulled and brought back at a later date.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:02 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:02 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT CALENDAR **ITEM NOS. 1-4 and 6-7**

- 1 Approve the Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2024
- 2 Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations
- 3 Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations
- 4 Approve the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2024

- 5 ~~Approve Resolution Authorizing the Abandonment and Quitclaim of a Portion of the Cavill Drain (APN: 063-029-075)~~
- 6 Approve Board attendance at the 2024 ACWA Spring Conference & Expo, May 7th – 9th, 2024 in Sacramento, California
- 7 Approve Resolution Authorizing the Abandonment and Quitclaim of the Talbot Pipeline (APNs 075-015-023/025/026 & 075-031-034)

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the above- noted Consent Calendar Items #1 through 4 and 6 and 7:

Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 8

ITEM NO. 8
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER AVAILABILITY FOR THE 10-YEAR OUT-OF-DISTRICT WATER SALE PROGRAM DURING THE 2024 IRRIGATION SEASON

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to Adopt a Resolution Approving Water Availability for the 10-Year Out-of-District Water Sale Program During the 2024 Irrigation Season:

At the hour of 9:05 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 8.

Public Comment closed at 9:05 a.m. on Item No. 8 and the Board Meeting continued.

Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION
ITEM NO. 9

ITEM NO. 9
2020-2022 WATER BUDGET PRESENTATION BY DAVIDS ENGINEERING, INC.

A presentation was given by John Davids and Brandon Ertis from Davids Engineering, Inc. regarding the 2020-2022 Water Budget.

At the hour of 10:09 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Landowner Louis Brichetto addressed the Board and expressed that the presentation given by Davids Engineering was informative and feels it would be informative to see rural improvement districts as well as the City of Oakdale included. He felt it was a nice report and thanked the Davids Engineering team for the information and the opportunity to speak.

Julia Stornetta made a reference to the Madera Sub basin and the good actor provision.

Public Comment closed at 10:10 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 10-11

ITEM NO. 10
DISCUSSION ON THE START OF THE 2024 IRRIGATION SEASON

General Manager, Scot Moody discussed the state of the 2024 irrigation season, requesting latitude from the Board to determine an official start date depending on weather, the dates of March 11 and March 18 were presented as tentative start dates.

ITEM NO. 11
BRICHETTO 1896 AND 1898 WATER CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Landowner, Louis Brichetto discussed the 1896 and 1898 Water Contract.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NOS. 12-15

ITEM NO. 12
DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director DeBoer:

Director DeBoer stated that he is grateful for the snow we received, it helps our district and will be a huge plus for our constituents. He is thankful for our staff, encouraging them to prepare for the irrigation season, and thankful for the district; we should not lose our focus.

Director Santos:

Director Santos stated that she enjoyed the presentation, it was user friendly and understandable, John and his associates did a really good job. Made a note that farmland and urban land need to be taken into consideration. Director Santos mentioned to Louis Brichetto that what he brought before the Board will be interesting to look at. Director Santos is ready for irrigation season and looking forward to it.

Director Doornenbal:

No comments were made by Director Doornenbal.

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias expressed that Davids Engineering did a great job on the presentation and mentioned that MID does a good job with their basin, and that we're good partners with them. Director Tobias stated that the staff, Eric, Sharon and Joe have done a great job, and he appreciates their efforts. He stated this is going to be a good season and that he's looking forward to it.

Director Orvis:

Director Orvis stated that the presentation from Davids' Engineering needs to be keyed up and put on a pedestal for defense. Director Orvis mentioned that Scot and Linda are going with him to ACWA in May; the ACWA Region 4 issues presentation on Thursday morning is going to be about unimpaired flows. Thanked our staff for everything they do for our constituents.

**ITEM NO. 13
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Tobias attended the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting, a map of plans was shared for the new headquarters, personnel issues were discussed, there was an update on the Tulloch Spillway and an update on an insurance renewal. A labor negotiation was discussed, and no action was taken.

Director Orvis stated that he and Linda participated in a committee meeting regarding ag scholarships and will report at the next Board meeting. Director Santos shared that she was impressed with the scholarship applicants. Director Orvis stated that we received six applicants from three different high schools.

**ITEM NO. 14
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES**

General Manager, Scot Moody shared about the AG Scholarship Dinner approaching on March 15, 2024. General Manager stated that we are opposed to the bill, A.B. 828 which is attempting to make disadvantaged communities not subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management, as well as another bill that is attempting to add water meters to wells in a critical status. He also shared that the Friant Division is lobbying the state to put the Tule Subbasin into probation.

Tim O'Laughlin reported about a lawsuit between Friant and Tule Subbasin over an agreement on the subsidence regarding the Friant-Kern canal. Friant has discerned that Tule has fulfilled their obligations under the agreement and that the work that they're doing on the canal will fail because of the continued subsidence in Tule.

General Manager, Scot Moody shared about the Greger mandatory walkthrough for good process last week, several people attended, and are hoping to get at least two or three bids. He spoke about a conversation he had with a gentleman the prior week about the constitution and how OID shouldn't be subject to certain laws and regulations in the state of California. Reported that staff has been doing great work and has been busy getting ready for the upcoming irrigation season.

ITEM NO. 15
WATER COUNSEL REPORT

Water Counsel expressed that his report would be addressed in Closed Session.

At the hour of 10:45 a.m., the Board took a recess and reconvened to closed session at 10:59 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NOS. 16-17

16 Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Potential Exposure to Litigation – 3 cases

17 Government Code §54957(b)(1) – Personnel Evaluation – 2 cases

Coming out of Closed Session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

OTHER ACTION

At the hour of 12:02 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** Details can be obtained by calling (209) 847-0341.

The next Joint Board Meeting of the **South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts** serving the **Tri-Dam Project** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Attest:



Scot A. Moody
General Manager/Secretary



Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors