

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Oakdale, California
November 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

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

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel
Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel (Closed Session only, via Zoom)

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of Agenda Items.

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 were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT CALENDAR **ITEM NOS. 1-7**

Director Orvis requested Item No. 5 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

1. Approve the Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2024
2. Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations

3. Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations
4. Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2024
5. ~~Approve the Miscellaneous Rates and Charges for Special Services and Deep Well Rental Charges for 2025~~
6. Approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2025
7. Approve Rejection of Claim Submitted by Jose Angel Espinoza, Jr.

A motion was made by Director DeBoer and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the above-noted Consent Item Nos. 1 through 4 and Item Nos. 6 and 7.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 5

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE THE MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES FOR SPECIAL
SERVICES AND DEEP WELL RENTAL CHARGES FOR 2025

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Director Santos and seconded by Director DeBoer to approve the Miscellaneous Rates and Charges for Special Services and Deep Well Rental Charges for 2025.

At the hour of 9:05 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 5. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:05 a.m. on Item No. 5 and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 8-11

ITEM NO. 8
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION
FINDING THE NORTH SIDE REGULATING RESERVOIR SOLAR PROJECT
CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director Santos to approve the resolution finding the North Side Regulating Reservoir Solar Project categorically exempt under CEQA.

At the hour of 9:08 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 8. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:09 a.m. on Item No. 8 and the Board Meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

A motion was made by Director Santos and seconded by Director Tobias to approve renewal of health insurance coverage effective January 1, 2025, and apply base cost towards buy-up plans.

At the hour of 9:11 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 9. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:11 a.m. on Item No. 9 and the Board Meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 10
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH A
NEW LIFE INSURANCE CARRIER FOR 2025 PLAN YEAR

A motion was made by Director DeBoer and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the execution of a contract with a new life insurance carrier for the 2025 plan year.

At the hour of 9:13 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 10. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:13 a.m. on Item No. 10 and the Board Meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 BUDGET

A motion was made by Director Santos and seconded by Director DeBoer to approve adoption of the proposed 2025 Budget.

At the hour of 9:29 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item No. 11. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:29 a.m. on Item No. 11 and the Board Meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Santos, Tobias
 Noes – None
 Abstained – None
 Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

PRESENTATION
ITEM NOS. 12-13

ITEM NO. 12
RECOGNITION OF GABRIEL SANTOS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE JPIA
HUMAN RESOURCES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

General Manager, Scot Moody, recognized Gabriel Santos for the completion of the ACWA JPIA Human Resources Certification Program.

ITEM NO. 13
PRESENTATION/UPDATE REGARDING THE GREGER FACILITY
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction and Maintenance Manager, Joe Kosakiewicz, gave an update and presentation regarding the Greger Facility construction scheduling and contractor performance.

The Board took a recess at 9:47 a.m. and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NOS. 14-17

ITEM NO. 14
DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director DeBoer:

Director DeBoer shared that he had three or four different people contact him to express their gratitude for the DSO's helpfulness and good attitudes. He stated that our DSOs are working towards excellence which makes their jobs easier and the constituents happier.

Director Santos:

Director Santos thanked Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, for all the work that was done on the budget. Director Santos also thanked staff for preparing the newsletter; she thought the newsletter was informative and understandable for the general public. She concluded by wishing everyone well for the holiday season.

Director Doornenbal:

Director Doornenbal thanked Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, for preparing the budget. He reported that his favorite DSO got transferred, but those who replaced him seem to be very capable as well. Director Doornenbal concluded by thanking staff for a great water season.

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias thanked Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, for preparing the budget and thanked the Ag Water Operations staff for a successful year. He concluded by stating it's been a successful year and that he's honored to be a part of OID because we're moving forward and continuing to improve.

Director Orvis:

Director Orvis stated that he, Scot Moody, General Manager, and Director Tobias will be attending ACWA conference the first week of December.

Director Orvis reported that he attended the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors meeting last Tuesday, October 29, 2024, and they adopted the Pumping Reduction Plan for the Northern Delta-Mendota Region and Stanislaus County Well Metering Monitoring and Reporting Guidelines, and in doing so one of the mitigations was a groundwater well mitigation program, and that well mitigation program is for Stanislaus County in its entirety.

He concluded by stating that he is looking forward to joining staff for the End of Year BBQ and thanked staff for another successful year.

ITEM NO. 15
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Dam Advisory Committee

Director Tobias reported that law enforcement ideas and buoy placements were discussed at the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee meeting. There have been some issues with the public utilizing the day-use area. Director Doornenbal added that Tri-Dam staff is having to constantly clean the bathrooms, and that people are stealing some of the infrastructures for watering the lawn.

Director Orvis advised that there is a Water/Engineering Committee meeting following the Board meeting.

ITEM NO. 16
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES

General Manager, Scot Moody, invited Eric Thorburn, District Engineer/Water Operations Manager, to talk about the water budget tracking report.

Mr. Moody reminded the Directors of the tournament time and lunch time for the End of Year BBQ at the end of the week. He concluded by stating the newsletter was very successful with the help of staff and that he can see us doing more in the future at least one to two times a year.

ITEM NO. 17
WATER COUNSEL REPORT

President Orvis informed the public that Water Counsel was not present but would be joining the meeting during closed session.

At the hour of 10:09 a.m. President Orvis announced the items to be discussed in closed session and the Board welcomed public comment on Item Nos. 18-21. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 10:09 a.m. on Item Nos. 18-21 and the Board took a recess and convened to closed session at 10:20 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NOS. 18-21

18. CONFERENCE WITH COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)
One (1) case
19. CONFERENCE WITH COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
One (1) case
 - a. Threfall Ranch LP v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al
Superior Court of Stanislaus County
Case No. CV-24-006033
20. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FUNCTIONING AS EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(4)
Title: Personnel Counsel

21. PERSONNEL MATTER
Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)
One (1) case

At the hour of 11:49 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session. Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

OTHER ACTION

At the hour of 11:50 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10, 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, November 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at the office of Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Attest:

Signature on file.

Scot A. Moody
General Manager/Secretary

Signature on file.

Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors