MINUTES

Oakdale, California March 2, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Regular Session at the hour of 9:01 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors:

Tom Orvis, President

Brad DeBoer. Vice President

Herman Doornenbal

Linda Santos Ed Tobias

Staff Present:

Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary

Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Administrator (via Zoom)

Also Present:

Fred A. Silva, General Counsel Tim O'Laughlin (via Zoom)

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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 9:05 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

There was one public comment from Robert Frobose.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:10 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT ITEMS ITEM NOS. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

ITEM NO. 2 APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2020-05 AND 2020-06

A motion as made by Director Santos, seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 2, 2021 and Resolution Nos. 2021-05 and 2021-06.

ITEM NO. 4 <u>APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION</u> DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion as made by Director Santos, seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District Improvement District's Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 5 <u>APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT</u> FOR THE ONE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2021

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer's Report for the one month ending January 31, 2021.

ITEM NO. 6

APPROVE THE QUITCLAIM OF AN EXISTING NORTH DUDLEY PIPELINE EASEMENT AND ACCEPT A NEW EASEMENT IN EXCHANGE (APNS: 002-028-073/074 – WILLIAM AND ELLEN WEARIN & RONALD AND CAROL ARNOLD)

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the quitclaim of an existing North Dudley Pipeline easement and accept a new easement in exchange (APNs: 002-028-073/074 – William and Ellen Wearin & Ronald and Carol Arnold).

ITEM NO. 7

APPROVE THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF THE NORTH DUDLEY PIPELINE AND FORMALLY ADOPT THE NEW ALIGNMENT OF OID'S NORTH DUDLEY PIPELINE AS A DISTRICT FACILITY (APNS: 002-028-073/074 – WILLIAM AND ELLEN WEARIN & RONALD AND CAROL ARNOLD)

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the abandonment of a portion of the North Dudley Pipeline and formally adopt the new alignment of OID's North Dudley.

The above consent items were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

The motions passed by a 5-0 vote.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NO. 3

ITEM NO. 3 <u>APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION</u> DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

After an explanation regarding checks prepared to pay for CEQA notifications, a motion as made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously

supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations by the following roll call vote:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION & PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR ITEM NO. 8

ITEM NO. 8 PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Thorburn, OID Water Operations Manager, gave a brief introduction. He introduced Brandon Ertis with David's Engineering who gave the presentation on OID's 2020 Agricultural Water Management Plan.

Opened Public Hearing: 9:54 am

There was one public comment from Robert Frobose.

Closed Public Hearing: 10:04 am

CLOSED SESSION ITEM NO. 9

At 10:15 a.m. President Orvis read the items to be discussed in Closed Session and then opened Public Comment on these items.

There was one public comment from Robert Frobose.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:18 a.m.

A. Government Code § 54957 – Public Employment: General Manager

B. Government Code §54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Negotiating Parties: OID, SSJID, USBR, DWR, San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority, State Water Contractors, SEWD, Brisbane, CCSF, Mi-Wuks,

ACWD

Property: Water

Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

C. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation SJTA, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board no reportable actions

At the hour of 11:52 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Orvis stated that there was no reportable action.

ACTION CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

ITEM NO. 10

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING CONSERVED WATER SURPLUS TO DISTRICT NEEDS IN WATER YEAR 2020/21

A motion was made by Director DeBoer and was seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the Resolution Adopting the Rules & Regulations Governing Operation and Distribution of Water Within the Oakdale Irrigation District Service Area and was voted by the following roll call vote:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM NO. 11

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDS OUTSIDE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR THE WATER YEAR 2021 AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal to make available up to 10,000 af for local out of district use. It was seconded by Director Santos and passed with the following roll call vote:

Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director DeBoer	No

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

ITEM NO. 12

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION FINDING THE 2021 AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDS OUTSIDE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOUNDARY CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director DeBoer and was unanimously supported to approve the Resolution finding the 2021 agreement establishing terms and

conditions for irrigation of lands outside the Oakdale Irrigation District boundary categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the following roll call vote:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM NO. 13

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE OF WATER AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE OF WATER BY AND AMONG THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, THE SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, seconded by Director Tobias to approve the Resolution approving Agreement for Release of Water and authorizing the General Manager to execute Agreement for Release of Water by and among the Oakdale Irrigation District, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and the California Department of Water Resources and was passed by the following roll call vote:

Director Tobias Yes
Director Doornenbal Yes
Director Orvis Yes
Director Santos No
Director DeBoer Yes

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

ITEM NO. 14

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FINDING THE 2020 SPRING PULSE FLOW RELEASE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the Resolution finding the 2020 Spring Pulse Flow Release categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the following roll call vote:

Director Tobias Yes
Director Doornenbal Yes
Director Orvis Yes
Director Santos No
Director DeBoer Yes

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

ITEM NO. 15

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Tobias to approve the Resolution Adopting the Agricultural Water Management Plan by the following roll call vote:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 16

Discussion / Update from CSDA Dane Wadle

Mr. Dane Wadle updated the Board regarding California Special District's Association efforts to seek financial relief for costs absorbed by Special Districts during the COVID pandemic. CSDA is asking for a Call to Action for all districts to support CSDA's efforts in passable of SB 91 for public water agencies. Mr. Wadle stated that CSDA training programs are very robust this year and are almost exclusively virtual. He advised that Stanislaus County has created a CSDA whose official meeting will be virtual on March 18th. He encouraged OID to participate.

COMMUNICATIONS ITEM NO.17

A. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

General Manager Steve Knell discussed the information that was contained in the Board Packet under Communications.

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports but it was mentioned the Finance and the Personnel Committees will have reports for the April Board Meeting.

C. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Tobias

Director Tobias thanked Staff and David's Engineering for their hard work on the AWMP.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Santos

Director Santos had no comments.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer had no comments.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis reminded the directors to turn in their Form 700s to Ms. Harris.

OTHER ACTION ITEM NO. 18

At the hour of 1:23 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** via teleconference. 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 Projects and Tri-Dam Authority and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, March 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** via teleconference and hosted by OID. Details can be obtained by calling (209) 249-4600.

Thomas D. Orvis, President

Board of Directors

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E.

General Manager/Secretary