

## MINUTES

Oakdale, California  
November 7, 2023

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

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel

### ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:00 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

### CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 1-7

- 1 Approve the **Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2023**
- 2 Approve **Oakdale Irrigation District's** Statement of Obligations
- 3 Approve **OID Improvement Districts'** Statement of Obligations
- 4 Approve 2024 Miscellaneous Rates and Charges for Special Services and Deep Well Rental Charges for 2024
- 5 Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for The Nine Months Ending September 30, 2023

- 6 Approve Adoption of **Resolution** Authorizing The Disposal of Property No Longer Necessary for District Purposes
- 7 Approve Rejection of Claim Submitted by the Law Offices of Corren & Corren on Behalf of Vera Whittenburg

A motion was made by Director Deboer, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve the above-noted Consent Calendar items:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Observing no online members of the Public or members of the Public in the audience, the Board proceeded to Action Calendar accordingly.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 8 - 14**

Item No. 8

**Review and Take Possible Action to Approve Renewal of Health Insurance Coverage**  
**Effective January 1, 2024**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve Review and Take Possible Action to Approve Renewal of Health Insurance Coverage Effective January 1, 2024:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

At the hour of 9:07 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:07 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Item No. 9

**Review and Take Possible Action to adopt the 2024 Budget**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Deboer, to Review and Take Possible Action to adopt the 2024 Budget:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

At the hour of 9:48 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:50 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Item No. 10

**Review and Take Possible Action to Adopt A Resolution Accepting Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation – Round 2 Grant Funds**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to Review and Take Possible Action to Adopt A **Resolution** Accepting Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation – Round 2 Grant Funds:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Item No. 11

**Review and Take Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Property No Longer Necessary for District Purposes, Declaring a Portion of APN 084-001-006 Exempt Surplus, and Authorizing the General Manager and Board President to Execute the Sales Agreement and Escrow Documents to Sell the Surplus Portion to the County of Stanislaus for the State Route 108/North County Corridor Project**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to Review and Take Possible Action to Adopt a **Resolution** Authorizing the Disposal of Property No Longer Necessary for District Purposes, Declaring a Portion of APN 084-001-006 Exempt Surplus, and Authorizing the General Manager and Board President to Execute the Sales Agreement and Escrow Documents to Sell the Surplus Portion to the County of Stanislaus for the State Route 108/North County Corridor Project:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Item No. 12

**Review and Take Possible Action to Approve the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency Cost Sharing Agreement and Allow the General Manager to Execute**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to Review and Take Possible Action to Approve the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency Cost Sharing Agreement and Allow the General Manager to Execute:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 13**

Item No. 13

**Review and Take Possible Action to Deny Landowner's Request For a Variance to OID Policy to Permit and Install Multiple Private Irrigation Delivery Points on OID's Austin Pipeline**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Deboer, to Review and Take Possible Action to Deny Landowner's Request For a Variance to OID Policy to Permit and Install Multiple Private Irrigation Delivery Points on OID's Austin Pipeline:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

At the hour of 1:21p.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 1:21 p.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 14**

Item No. 14

**Review and Take Possible Action to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract With Provost and Pritchard for the 90% Design of the Canyon Tunnel Project**

A motion was made by Director Deboer, and seconded by Director Tobias, to Review and Take Possible Action to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract With Provost and Pritchard for the 90% Design of the Canyon Tunnel Project:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

At the hour of 1:37p.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 1:37 p.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NOS. 15-18**

Item No. 15  
**Directors' Comments/Suggestions**

**Director Orvis:**

President Orvis mentioned that this is the first issue for the season and that the Board may have more approaches in the future. President Orvis mentioned that the recent weather gives opportunities to play catch-up on maintenance items. President Orvis mentioned that the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee met last week and they had a presentation regarding the 20-year program. President Orvis offered to provide the link to the presentation for anyone who may be interested in learning more. President Orvis also mentioned that the new District Engineer for MID discussed the 20-year program and provided a presentation regarding groundwater recharge. The Committee Spray Safe will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Modesto Junior College. CE hours are provided and an opportunity to take the new test. President Orvis mentioned that this Thursday will be the year-end BBQ. Finally, President Orvis mentioned that he and Scot will be attending ACWA in the coming weeks.

**Director Tobias:**

Director Tobias applauded the Budget Committee, along with CFO Cisneros for their efforts regarding the budget. Director Tobias thanked staff for their patience with regard to the discussions with Mr. Nino. He is looking forward to a good winter and construction season.

**Director DeBoer:**

Director DeBoer expressed his opinion that both Boards need more input on the Tri-Dam budget. He also believes that existing or new committees need to be involved in labor negotiations with Tri-Dam.

**Director Santos:**

Director Santos expressed the same sentiments as Director DeBoer and is thankful for CFO Cisneros's explanation regarding the budget. Director Santos expressed her appreciation for Scot, Eric and Joe's efforts with one of our constituents. He has a right to be here to voice his opinions to the Board. Director Santos thanked staff for their time trying to mitigate things.

Director Santos attended the Tri-Dam Halloween party at their new location in Sonora and expressed that the Sonora office will be nice.

Directors Santos hopes for an early winter and consistent, but not too consistent. She is also glad that the irrigation season is over for this year.

**Director Doornenbal:**

Director Doornenbal also thanked everyone for their work on the Budget. Director Doornenbal expressed his appreciation to Joe, Eric and Brad for their time spent with Mr. Nino. He feels they went the extra mile to help him, but it didn't work.

Item No. 16  
Committee Reports

**General Manager Moody:**

Domestic Water Meeting – Joe B. and Eric put together a nice presentation regarding Improvement District well issues.

**Director Doornenbal:**

Tri-Dam – Summer is up to the task. She's got her work cut out for her dealing with personality issues and the budget has some really concerning items to be dealt with.

Item No. 17  
General Manager's report on the status of OID activities

General Manager, Scot Moody, discussed the potential for a customer appreciation event in the future. He also discussed possibly organizing some type of Grower meeting as well.

President Orvis suggested that GM Moody start creating a newsletter next year. He suggested maybe posting the newsletter online, with access to subscribers so that they are interested in the details.

GM Moody also discussed the Department of Water Resources meetings and the Eastern San Joaquin GSP.

GM Moody thanked Christine for assisting with the board meeting while Julie and Genna both attended the Board Secretary training.

At the hour of 12:11 a.m. public comment opened.

Public comment closed at 12:11 a.m.

**Water Counsel Report**  
**Item No. 18**

There was no Water Counsel report.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NO. 19 AND 20**

- 19 Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
California Government Code Section 54656.8  
Property: Canyon Tunnel  
Negotiating Parties: Mangante, Rancheria Del Rio Estanislus, LLC  
District Negotiator: Scott Moody, OID General Manager  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of Payment of Sale
- 20 Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Potential Exposure to Litigation

President Orvis mentioned the next Tri-Dam meeting will be held at South San Joaquin Irrigation District on **Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** President Orvis also mentioned that the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**

At the hour of 1:20 p.m. the board reconvened to open session.

No reportable action.

#### **OTHER ACTION**

At the hour of 1:22 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16, 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, January 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** at the office of Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale,

Attest:



Scot A. Moody  
General Manager/Secretary

  
Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors