

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
December 12, 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 (via Zoom)

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:01 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. 1-5

- 1 Approve the **Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2023**
- 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 Ten Months Ending October 31, 2023
- 5 Approve **Resolution** Adopting the Oakdale Irrigation District's 2024 Investment Policy

At Director Santos's request, Consent Item #1 was pulled. Consent Items #2 through 5 considered first.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Deboer, to approve the above-noted Consent Calendar Items #2 through 5:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Deboer, to approve Consent Calendar Item #1 with the following revisions:

- Under Director's Comments (Director Santos): "Director Deboar" was changed to Director Deboer;
- Under Director's Comments (Director Doornenbal): "mil" was changed to "mile";
- Under General Manager Moody: "Improvement???" was changed to "Improvement";
- Under General Manager's report on the status of OID activities: "appreciate" was changed to "appreciation"

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote to amend the November 7, 2023, Minutes as noted above.

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

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. 6 - 14**

Item No. 6

Review and take possible action to Adopt a Resolution Amending the Reserve Policy

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve Review and take possible action to Adopt a **Resolution** Amending the Reserve Policy:

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 9:09 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:09 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Item No. 7

Review and take possible action to Approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2024

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to Review and Take Possible Action to Approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2024:

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

It was mentioned that the January 6, 2024, date should be January 16, 2024. A revised Board meeting schedule for 2024 was presented to the Board for review.

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

At the hour of 9:12 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:12 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Item No. 8

Review and take possible action to Approve the Employee 2024 Operating Engineers Local 3 (OE3) Official Salary and Wage Schedule Effective January 14, 2024

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Santos, to Review and take possible action to Approve the Employee 2024 Operating Engineers Local 3 (OE3) Official Salary and Wage Schedule Effective January 14, 2024:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote to approve.

At the hour of 9:16 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:16 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Item No. 9

Review and take possible action to Approve the Employee 2024 Unrepresented Salary and Wage Schedules Effective January 14, 2024

Director Santos asked for clarification whether or not the documentation shows existing employees as reclassified? Human Resources Administrator Bukhari confirmed that yes, the documentation reflected existing employees as reclassified, as well as reflecting on the Schedule additional positions that were added into the budget.

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Santos, to Review and take possible action to Approve the Employee 2024 Unrepresented Salary and Wage Schedules Effective January 14, 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 9:19 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:19 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Item No. 10

Review and Take Possible Action to Approve District Service Awards for 2023

Human Resources Administrator Bukhari noted that eleven (11) employees are being recognized with the service awards for 2023.

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to Review and Take Possible Action to Approve District Service Awards for 2023:

Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes

Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote to approve.

Item No. 11

Review and Take Possible Action to Approve District Perfect Attendance Awards for 2023

Human Resources Administrator Bukhari noted that ten (10) employees are being recognized with the perfect attendance awards for 2023.

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to Review and Take Possible Action to Approve District Perfect Attendance Awards for 2023:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote to approve.

Item No. 12

Review and Take Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Funding Agreement Between the State of California Department of Water Resources and Oakdale Irrigation District for A Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation Grant and any Future Amendments

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to Review and Take Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Funding Agreement Between the State of California Department of Water Resources and Oakdale Irrigation District for A Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation Grant and any Future Amendments:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote to approve.

Item No. 13

Review and Take Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Work Release with Davids Engineering, Inc. for Design of Reaches 1, 2, & 3 of the OID In-Lieu and Direct Recharge Project – Paulsell Lateral Expansion and Amend the 2024 Budget

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to Review and Take Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Work Release with Davids Engineering, Inc. for Design of Reaches 1, 2, & 3 of the OID In-Lieu and Direct Recharge Project – Paulsell Lateral Expansion and Amend 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 to approve.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
ITEM NO. 14

Item No. 14

Discussion Regarding Future District Membership of ACWA/JPIA and How That Affects Tri-Dam Membership of ACWA/JPIA

Chief Financial Officer Cisneros discussed the future district membership of ACWA/JPIA and how that affects Tri-Dam membership of ACWA/JPIA.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NOS. 15-18

Item No. 15

Directors' Comments/Suggestions

Director Orvis:

President Orvis mentioned that he will not be in attendance at the next Board meeting and therefore, will need all Board members present.

President Orvis expressed his appreciation to all employees. It's been a weird year and it has gone fast. He expressed that it's been forecasted that El Nino might be on its way.

President Orvis attended the Farm Bureau last week.

President Orvis informed the Board that his father-in-law had passed away and therefore decided not to attend the ACWA Conference as anticipated.

President Orvis mentioned that Director Santos makes a good point regarding keeping our water.

President Orvis noted that in the spray arena (SPM) that it's anticipated to be organic by 2050. Lots of regulatory items forthcoming.

President Orvis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias said Merry Christmas and that today is Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Director Doornenbal:

Director Doornenbal expressed his appreciation to the irrigators, staff, Kim, Sharon, Scot and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Director Santos:

Director Santos enjoyed attending the Employee Appreciation BBQ and watching the cornhole tournament.

Last week Director Santos attended an OID Tunnel Tour and found it extremely interesting and felt it put perspective on what we do sitting here approving budgets and seeing what is being done. This was the first time being able to walk into the tunnels. Director Santos felt the crew was very informative.

Director Santos expressed her appreciation for the collaboration she is seeing within the District. She feels the Board has made positive changes in the last year and a half.

She is hopeful that we can defend and keep our water here.

Director Santos is ready for the end of the year.

Director Santos acknowledged that Kim got through the open enrollment sign-ups. Director Santos expressed that she was glad that Julie was able to go to the Board Secretary Conference and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Director DeBoer:

Director DeBoer expressed that it is a turbulent time for all and as an organization we should do all that we can to keep going. Director Deboer encouraged staff to keep going and expressed his appreciation. Director Deboer expressed the thought, "What can I do for OID?"

Director Deboer expressed that it is a turbulent time for the farming world, too.

Director Deboer said, "here's to a better 2024/2025 and Merry Christmas."

Item No. 16
Committee Reports

General Manager Moody:

General Manager Moody stated that there will be a Personnel Committee meeting on December 14th and a Finance committee meeting is currently scheduled for January 4, 2024.

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

General Manager Moody, informed the Board that there have been major issues with our pipe supplier. General Manager Moody also informed the Board that Claribel Road will be closed for two days starting this morning. General Manager Moody mentioned that the Segment 1 Project is moving along well.

General Manager Moody also mentioned that Mr. Nino visited him yesterday and that Eric will be going out today and they anticipate the project moving forward. The trees were removed yesterday.

Item No. 18
Water Counsel Report

There was no report from Water Counsel.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 19

19 Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Potential Exposure to Litigation

Due to lack of items to discuss, no Closed Session was had.

OTHER ACTION

At the hour of 10:30a.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, December 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** at the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, California.

Attest:


Scot A. Moody
General Manager/Secretary


Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors