

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
November 3, 2020

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
Gail Altieri, Vice President
Herman Doornenbal
Linda Santos
Brad DeBoer

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

Also Present: Fred A. Silva, General Counsel

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 9:03 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Robert Frobose discussed an occurrence from the Board Meeting on October 6, 2020. Mr. Frobose also thanked Director Altieri for her service and stated that he was very proud of her service to the Oakdale community.

There being no further public comment, public comment closed at 9:07 a.m.

HEARING CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 2

ITEM NO. 2
PUBLIC HEARING AND CERTIFICATION OF THE IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT NO. 46 (ID 46) MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO DENY THE
LANDOWNER'S REQUEST FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION OR
AUTHORIZE OID TO PROCEED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A WILL SERVE LETTER

Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn gave the Board of Directors some background information on Improvement District No. 46.

At the hour of 9:10 a.m. Director Orvis opened the hearing up to the public. Brian and Stefani LeBlanc, the landowners requesting the connection, commented on the agenda item. There being no further public comment, the Public Hearing closed at the hour of 9:12 a.m.

Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn stated that the Improvement District No. 46 Membership voted to deny the landowner's request for a new residential connection by the following vote:

Ayes: 21
Unreturned Ballots: 47 (A non-vote is considered a vote of approval.)
Noes: 11

Membership Vote passed by 68 to 11 to deny the landowner's request.

A motion was made by Director DeBoer and seconded by Director Doornenbal to certify the vote of Improvement District No. 46 Membership to deny the landowner's request for a new residential connection and was voted by the following roll call vote:

Director Altieri	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Director Altieri requested that Item No. 7 be pulled from the Consent Calendar and Director Santos requested that Item No. 8 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 3, 4, 5, 6

ITEM NO. 3
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2020 AND
RESOLUTION NOS. 2020-32, 2020-33, 2020-34, AND 2020-35

A motion was made by Director Altieri and seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2020 and Resolutions Nos. 2020-32, 2020-33, 2020-34 and 2020-35 by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion was made by Director Altieri and seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE OID IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion was made by Director Altieri and seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the OID Improvement District's Statement of Obligations by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE THE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

A motion was made by Director Altieri and seconded by Director DeBoer, and was unanimously supported to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the nine months ending September 30, 2019 by a roll call vote of 5-0.

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

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Altieri	Yes

Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 7, 8

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND
CHARGES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES INCLUDING DEEP
WELL RENTAL CHARGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

A motion was made by Director Altieri and seconded by Director Santos to approve the miscellaneous rates and charges for special services including deep well rental charges effective January 1, 2021 by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE REJECTION OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY DOUG MILLER

A motion was made by Director Altieri and seconded by Director Santos and was unanimously supported to approve the rejection of the claim submitted by Doug Miller and forward to ACWA JPIA by a roll call vote of 5-0.

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

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Altieri	Yes

Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE STAFF
DIRECTION ON THE 5-YEAR OUT-OF-DISTRICT WATER SALE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Director Santos and seconded by Director Altieri to bring this item off the table for discussion. Following a discussion, Director Santos withdrew her motion and Director Altieri withdrew her second and the matter remained tabled until the next Board Meeting.

ITEM NO. 10
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF A
RESOLUTION SETTING AGRICULTURAL WATER USER RATES FOR 2021**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and was seconded by Director DeBoer to approve adoption of the Resolution Setting the Agricultural Water User Rates for 2021 by increasing the 2020 rates by 3% for both the fixed charge and the volumetric charge and was voted by the following roll call vote:

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	No
Director Altieri	No

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

ITEM NO. 11
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE
ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2021 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer and seconded by Director Doornenbal and was unanimously supported to Adopt the 2021 Budget by the following roll call vote:

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Altieri	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM NO. 12
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021**

A motion was made by Director Santos and seconded by Director Altieri and was unanimously supported to approve renewal of health insurance coverage effective January 1, 2021 and subsidize half of the employees' increase for those participating in buy-up plans by the following roll call vote:

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Altieri	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 Vote.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL THE BOARD
MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 5, 2021 AND JANUARY 19, 2021 AND
SCHEDULE ONE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and second by Director Orvis to cancel the meeting scheduled for January 5, 2021 and hold the special meeting scheduled for January 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by the following roll call vote:

Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Altieri	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 Vote.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 14

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

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

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

C. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Altieri

Director Altieri stated that she was prepared to give her final speech, but was confused on when her last meeting would be. She stated that she is really unprepared for her prepared speech. She stated that it has been a privilege to have served on the Oakdale Irrigation District Board and she thanked her constituents for their support and their frequent affirmations over the last five years.

Director Santos

Director Santos stated that she has been campaigning and she is glad that today the election will be over and we will get the results.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer stated that everyone has been involved in the election process in one way or another. He stated that we will see how the election comes out and that he is confident that it will all work well whatever the result is.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis wished Director Santos luck on the election as well as the other individuals who are also running for a chair on the Board. Director Orvis also offered Director Altieri an opportunity to attend another meeting to give her speech. Director Orvis told Director Altieri that she is upbeat and he appreciates who she is. Director Orvis discussed the STRGBA meeting that he attended on-line. He stated that the discussion was about water budgeting. From this discussion it appeared that the District is contributing the most to the aquifer which helps everyone else out. Director Orvis also stated that if you are a member of the ESJWQC, your cost is not going to be the same next year as it is this year. Director Orvis also discussed a new organization called the Valley Water Collaborative.

At the hour of 11:45 a.m. the meeting adjourned to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 15

A. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation (Two Cases)

Maria Ruiz Perez, et al., v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al.
Case No. CV-19-004901

Tri-Dam Project, OID, SSJID v. Linda Santos
Case No.: CV-20-002349

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (One Case)

Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) - Initiation of Litigation

C. Government Code §54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Represented Organization: OE3
Unrepresented Organization: Non-Exempt Confidential, Exempt
Supervisory and Exempt Management Bargaining Groups

Directors Santos left the Board Room at 12:12 p.m. and returned to the Board Room at 12:14 p.m.

At the hour of 12:15 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session. Coming out of Closed Session, Director Orvis reported the following action:

Closed Session Item No. 15.C.

The Board unanimously supported giving employees December 28, 29, and 30, 2020 off with pay in lieu of a Christmas Party; to provide service awards in the amount of \$50.00 per year of employment to employees attaining 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service in the total sum of

\$7,500; and to award \$100 to each employee who had perfect attendance between November 24, 2019 and November 21, 2020.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 16

At the hour of 12:17 p.m. the Board meeting was adjourned. The next Special Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 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, November 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** via teleconference and hosted by OID. Details can be obtained by calling (209) 847-0341.

Thomas D. Orvis, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary