

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
November 5, 2019

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 9:00 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 sequence.

At the hour of 9:03 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Robert Frobose discussed the censure of Director Santos and stated that he felt it was done incorrectly.

Marcus Haney thanked everyone who participates in the operations of the District. He stated that he appreciates the District.

There being no further public comment, public comment closed at 9:12 a.m.

Director Altieri requested that Item No. 2 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM NOS. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

ITEM NO. 3

**APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

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

ITEM NO. 4

**APPROVE OID IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the OID Improvement District's Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 5

**APPROVE THE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the nine months ending September 30, 2019.

ITEM NO. 6

**APPROVE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS WITH VARIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS (ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
WATER AGENCIES AND CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS)**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos and was unanimously supported to approve the renewal of memberships with various organization (Association of California Water Agencies and California Special Districts).

ITEM NO. 7

**APPROVE DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AS THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S VOTING DELEGATE AND GENERAL
MANAGER AS THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE AT THE GENERAL SESSION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT THE ACWA 2019 FALL CONFERENCE AND
AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THE PROXY DESIGNATION FORM**

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the designation of the President of the Board of Director as the Oakdale Irrigation District's Voting Delegate and the General Manager as the Alternate Delegate at the General Session Membership Meeting at the ACWA 2019 Fall Conference and authorize the President to execute the Proxy Designation Form.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 097 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-015 WITH GIULIANI & KULL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO STAKE THE CRANE PIPELINE EASEMENT THROUGH APNS: 063-077-086 THROUGH 063-074-060

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 097 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-015 with Giuliani & Kull, Inc. for professional services to stake the Crane Pipeline Easement through APNS: 063-077-086 through 063-074-060 and authorize the General Manager to execute.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 006 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2015-GSA-002 WITH SIERRA CONTROLS, LLC FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 006 to General Services Agreement 2015-GSA-002 with Sierra Controls, LLC for technical support and authorize the General Manager to execute.

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 052 TO GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2013-GSA-032 WITH NORTHERN STEEL, INC. FOR CUTTING, BENDING, AND PLACEMENT OF REBAR FOR ONE (1) EA. HEADWALL STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE KEARNEY LATERAL

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve Work Release No. 052 to General Services Agreement 2013-GSA-032 with Northern Steel, Inc. for cutting, bending, and placement of rebar for one (1) ea. headwall structure located on the Kearney Lateral.

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) HYDRAULIC DEMOLITION HAMMER FOR OID EXCAVATORS FROM TRI-WEST TRACTOR (BUDGETED)

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the purchase of one (1) hydraulic demolition hammer for OID excavators from Tri-West Tractor (budgeted).

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 54" CLEANING BUCKET FOR OID EXCAVATOR FROM TRI-WEST TRACTOR (BUDGETED)

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve purchase of one (1) 54" cleaning bucket for OID excavator from Tri-West Tractor (budgeted).

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NO. 2

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2019 AND
RESOLUTION NOS. 2019-18, 2019-19, 2019-20, 2019-21, AND 2019-22

A motion was made by Director Altieri and seconded by Director Santos to rescind Resolution No. 2019-22.

General Counsel Fred A. Silva stated that the motion was not proper because the only matter of issue is the approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 8, 2019. He stated that the motion could be amended to remove the Resolution. General Counsel Fred Silva requested a short recess to discuss this item with the President of the Board.

At the hour of 9:24 a.m. the Board took a short recess. At the hour of 9:26 a.m. the Board meeting reconvened.

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and was unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 8, 2019 and Resolution Nos. 2019-18, 2019-19, 2019-20, and 2019-21 and strike Resolution No. 2019-22 for the time being.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 13, 14

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
A DONATION TO OAKDALE ENRICHMENT SOCIETY IN
THE SUM OF \$5,000 FOR THE 2020 FOURTH OF JULY EVENT

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Altieri and was unanimously supported to approve a donation to Oakdale Enrichment Society in the sum of \$5,000 for the 2020 Fourth of July event.

ITEM NO. 4
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF A
RESOLUTION SETTING AGRICULTURAL WATER USER RATES FOR 2020

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 2020 by increasing the 2019 rates by 3% for both the fixed charge and the volumetric charge and was voted by the following roll call vote:

Director Altieri	No
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes

Director Santos	No
Director DeBoer	Yes

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

DISCUSSION
ITEM NO. 15

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DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ON EAST SAN
JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Water Operations Manager Eric Thorburn gave a power presentation on the East San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He stated that the plan will be brought back to the Board for adoption on December 10, 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 16

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. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Altieri

Director Altieri thanked the District for the end of irrigation season BBQ. She stated that the steaks were terrific.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal agreed with Director Altieri's statement regarding the BBQ.

Director Santos

Director Santos stated that she had multiple phone calls about a meeting Director Orvis, Director DeBoer and Mr. Knell attended. She stated she was not at the meeting so she didn't know what it was about.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer stated that he loves Thanksgiving time and he has a lot to be thankful for but he is not thankful for social media. He stated that he thinks social media is a disgrace because it makes statements that are not true, it makes assumptions and it stirs people up to things that they should not be stirred up to, but other than that it has been a good irrigation

year. My crop was down significantly, but I am still thankful because I can pay the bills and thankful to be able to serve on this Board.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis stated that on the 24th Director Altieri and he, along with the General Manager attended the 2 x 2 meeting with the Oakdale City Counsel Members Bairos and Chiara, and Bryan Whitemyer, the City Manager. We talked about opportunities for the City of Oakdale and the Oakdale Irrigation District.

Regarding the meeting of 28th, he stated; since being elected he has reached out to the other irrigation districts in the county numerous times regarding a meeting. Not long ago MID Board President Campbell offered an invitation to meet. That meeting occurred on the 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fruit Yard. The people that attended that meeting were Michael Frantz and Charlie Fernandez, President of TID Board and their General Manager Casey Hashimoto; Scott Ferguson, the General Manager of the Modesto Irrigation District, Stu Gilman and their President Paul Campbell; and Mr. Knell, myself as President and Mr. DeBoer. This was a dinner meeting to get together and talk about the things that we have been doing as irrigation districts. That is all.

Director Orvis stated that on the following day he was invited to tour the West and North Delta on the FishBio boat and has been invited for another South Delta tour.

He wanted to remind the Board members that ACWA is coming up the 2nd through the 5th of December. He will be going down Monday for the JPIA meeting and returning Thursday after the ACWA Meeting.

He reminded those that need hours that Spray Safe is coming up on November 22, 2019 at MJC Pavilion.

Robert Frobose commented on Closed Session Item 17.A.

At the hour of 12:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 17

- B. 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

- A. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation (2 Cases)**
Maria Ruiz Perez, et al., v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al.
Oakdale Irrigation District v. Santos and Altieri, et al.

Directors Santos and Altieri left the Board Room at 12:55 p.m. and returned to the Board Room at 1:04 p.m.

C. Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation One (1) Case

At the hour of 1:17 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session. Coming out of Closed Session, Director Orvis reported the following action:

Closed Session Item No. 17.B.

The Board unanimously supported to give employees the entire week of Christmas off with pay in lieu of a Christmas Party (December 23 through December 27, 2019); to provide service awards in the amount of \$50.00 per year of employment to employees attaining 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service; and to award \$100 to each employee who had perfect attendance between November 25, 2018 and November 23, 2019. To recognize Support Services Manager Jason Jones for the Two-Mile Bar Tunnel Project by giving him a performance bonus in the sum of \$5,000.

Closed Session Item No. 17.A.

By a vote of 3-0 (two abstentions) the Board voted to pay the legal fees/costs submitted by Attorney Cort Wiegand in the case entitled Oakdale Irrigation District v. Santos and Altieri, et al., in the sum of \$27,303.20.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 20

At the hour of 1:18 p.m. the Board meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

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 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Thomas D. Orvis, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary