MINUTES

Oakdale, California July 6, 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 9:00 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

Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Administrator (via Zoom)

Also Present:

Fred A. Silva, General Counsel

Tim O'Laughlin (via Zoom)

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items added or deleted.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

At the hour of 9:02 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

There was one public comment from Robert Frobose.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

<u>CONSENT ITEMS</u> ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

ITEM NO. 2

APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2021, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2021 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-016

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2021, the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 25, 2021 and Resolution No. 2021-16.

ITEM NO. 3 APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations.

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

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

ITEM NO. 5 APPROVE REJECTION OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY KAREN CORSIGLIA

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the rejection of Karen Corsiglia's claim.

ITEM NO. 6 APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDING MAY 31, 2021

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the five months ending May 31, 2021.

ITEM NO. 7

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS NOS. 2021-17, 2021-18 AND CONTRACTS WITH STANISLAUS AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES FOR PLACEMENT OF DELIQUENT FIXED CHARGES ON THE 2021/2022 TAX ROLLS

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve Resolution Nos. 2021-17, 2021-18 and the Contracts with Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties for placement of delinquent fixed charges on the 2021/2022 tax rolls.

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

No items were pulled.

ACTION CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

ITEM NO. 8 REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON DONATION FOR THE OAKDALE SOCCER CLUB

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Oakdale Soccer Club:

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. 9

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE DOMESTIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (ID) RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ID 22, ID 41, ID 46

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to amend the Domestic Improvement District (ID) Rules and Regulations for ID 22, ID 41, ID 46 and was approved 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. 10 REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 22 (ID22)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, appoint the committee members for Improvement District No. 22 (ID22), and was approved 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 APPOINT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 41 (ID41)

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, appoint the committee members for Improvement District No. 41 (ID41), and was approved 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. 12

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 46 (ID46)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, appoint the committee members for Improvement District No. 46 (ID46), and was approved 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 RECEIVE AND FILE THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Santos to receive and file the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2020. The action item was approved 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. 14 REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY OF RALPH ROOS

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias to approve Resolution No. 2021-19 commemorating the service and memory of Ralph Roos, and was approved 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. 15

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT WHICH RENEWED AUTOMATICALLY ON APRIL 3, 2021

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the changes to the General Manager's contract which renewed automatically on April 3, 2021, and was approved 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

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 16

ITEM NO. 16 DISCUSSION ON GOAL SETTING BY THE BOARD

The goals provided by the Board of Directors and the General Manager were organized according to the highest votes received and placed into a ranked Priority List. The Board of Directors will attend a workshop on July 20, 2021 to fully discuss the highest-ranking goals after being evaluated under the SMART process by staff.

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.

C. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Tobias

Director Tobias thanked Sharon Cisneros, the Accounting staff, the Operation Staff and Steve Knell for the work they do.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal mentioned the California drought is making national news and is harmful for the industry.

Director Santos

Director Santos mentioned she was pleased to see the Distribution System Operators and Construction and Maintenance employees out working, even in the heat. She thanked Sharon Cisneros for the changes made and complimented Michael Ballinger for the ease of Oakdale Irrigation District website. Hopeful for prosperous harvest this year.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer said the Oakdale Enrichment Society had a prosperous 150th celebration for the City of Oakdale. He thanked the staff, Sharon Cisneros and Steve Knell for working the event and going above and beyond. He thanked the staff for participation in the event and Kim Bukhari for the organization and participation. Irrigation is going well and demand is high.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis concurred with Director DeBoer's comment on the 150th celebration. He thanked the staff for putting together the float. Thanked the kids for coming out and joining in the parade. Thanked staff for keeping a safe place to work at during this time.

At 11:09 a.m., President Orvis read the items to be discussed in Closed Session and opened for Public Comment on these items.

There was one public comment from Robert Frobose.

At the hour of 11:13 a.m. Public Comment Closed and the Board took a short recess.

At the hour of 11:25 a.m. the Board reconvened to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM NO. 18

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

Negotiating Parties: OID, SSJID, USBR, San Luis and Delta Mendota

Water Authority, State Water Contractors, Mi-

Wuks

Property: Water

Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

- B. Government Code §54956.9(b) Exposure to Litigation: 3 cases
- C. Government Code §54957 Public Employee Discipline
- D. Government Code §54957 Public Employment: General Manager

At the hour of 1:12 p.m. the Board reconvened to Open Session.

Coming out of Closed Session, Director Orvis reported the following action:

18.C The Board approved to accept and file an outside investigation on behalf of Oakdale Irrigation District by the following vote:

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

The motion passed by a 4-0-1 vote.

Director Orvis read the following statement on behalf of the Board of Directors:

"During the March 3, 2021 Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors meeting, allegations were made in open session that District personnel had retaliated against constituents for speaking out against the positions of such personnel, including threats of cutting off access to District water. The Board takes any such allegations seriously and authorized an investigation of the matter through the use of an outside investigator. The outside investigator has now completed the investigation and made factual findings that such allegations were 'Not Sustained.' As a result, the Board has decided no further action is necessary on this matter."

OTHER ACTION ITEM NO. 19

At the hour of 1:17 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. A Special Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **July 20**, **2021 at 9:00 a.m.** for a goal setting workshop. The Next regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **August 17**, **2021 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 Projects and Tri-Dam Authority and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** via teleconference and hosted by SSJID. Details can be obtained by calling (209) 249-4600.

Thomas D. Orvis, President

Board of Directors

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E.

General Manager/Secretary