

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
January 16, 2024

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 (ABSENT)
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
Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:02 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment regarding the Consent Calendar or anything not on the Action Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

CLOSED SESSION **ITEM NO. 1**

1 Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – Exposure to Litigation – 1 case (Item #7)

At the hour of 9:29 a.m., the Board took a short recess prior to reconvening to open session.

At the hour of 9:31 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Coming out of Closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 2-6

- 2 Approve the **Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023**
- 3 Approve **Oakdale Irrigation District's** Statement of Obligations
- 4 Approve **OID Improvement Districts'** Statement of Obligations
- 5 Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Eleven Months Ending November 30, 2023
- 6 Approve Amendment No. 02 to Professional Services Agreement 2021-PSA-001 With Tim O'Laughlin A Professional Law Corporation For Revised Hourly Rate Schedule

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the above-noted Consent Calendar Items #2 through 6:

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

The motion passed by a 4-0 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. 7 - 9

Item No. 7

Review and take possible action to: (1) Eliminate Any Landowners Who Did Not Pay The Minimum Water Charge in 2023 From the 10-Year Out-of-District Water Sales Program; and, (2) Consider a one-year forbearance to allow unused water purchased in 2023 to be made available during the 2024 Irrigation System

ITEM NO. 7 (1):

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to: Remove Any Landowners From the 10-Year Out-of-District Water Sales Program Who Did Not Pay The Minimum Water Charge in 2023:

At the hour of 9:35 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment on Item 7(1).

Public Comment closed at 9:35 a.m. on Item 7(1) and the Board Meeting continued.

Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	ABSENT

Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM NO. 7 (2):

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve a one-year forbearance to allow credit for unused water purchased in 2023 to be made available to purchase water during the 2024 Irrigation Season if water is available and to direct the General Manager and General Counsel to draft a Resolution to be presented at the next Board meeting:

At the hour of 9:37 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment on Item 7(2).

Public Comment closed at 9:37 a.m. on Item 7(2) and the Board Meeting continued.

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

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Item No. 8

Review and take possible action to perform a one-time replacement of an Existing private culvert crossing the Claribel Lateral Within APN: 064-032-076

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the one-time replacement of an Existing private culvert crossing the Claribel Lateral Within APN: 064-032-076:

At the hour of 9:44 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:44 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

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

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Item No. 9

Review and take possible action regarding the elimination of the Assistant Water Operations Manager position and replacing it with Water Operations Manager and placement within the Management Benefits Group (to be addressed after closed session Item 15)

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Santos, to eliminate the Assistant Water Operations Manager position and replace it with Water Operations Manager and place the position within the Management Benefits Group:

At the hour of 12:00 p.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

Public Comment closed at 12:00 p.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

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

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote to approve.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NOS. 10-13

Item No. 10

Directors' Comments/Suggestions

Director Santos:

Director Santos expressed that she was glad to see a full house in the audience. She is looking forward to upgrades we are working on and mentioned that construction has several projects that started early. Director Santos is looking forward to a positive year going forward. Director Santos said happy new year.

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias thanked staff and expressed that he is looking forward to a prosperous year.

Director Doornenbal:

Director Doornenbal said Happy New Year and expressed that OID will continue to give the best service we can.

Director Orvis:

Director Orvis said Happy New Year. Director Orvis also commented on his pray for rain signs. Director Orvis thanked the audience for their attendance and wished everyone all the best in 2024. Director Orvis expressed the same sentiment as Director Doornenbal, that OID will continue to give the service we expect.

Item No. 11
Committee Reports

Director Tobias stated that the Personnel Committee meeting report will be covered in Closed Session.

Item No. 12
General Manager's report on the status of OID activities

Water Counsel, Tim O'Laughlin, addressed the issue regarding Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGA) Dues FY 2024.

Item No. 13
Water Counsel Report

Water Counsel expressed that his report would be addressed in Closed Session.

At 9:55 a.m., President Orvis read the items to be discussed in closed session and opened for public comment on these items.

At the hour of 9:55 a.m., public comment opened.

At the hour of 9:55 a.m., public comment closed and the Board took a recess and reconvened to closed session at 10:01 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 14 and 15

14 Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation – 2 cases
(SWB consolidated cases)

15 Government Code §54957(b)(1) – Personnel Evaluation (3 items)

Coming out of Closed Session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions:

At the hour of 11:58 a.m. the Board reconvened to Open Session.

OTHER ACTION

At the hour of 12:01 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 6, 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,**

February 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, California.



Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Scot A. Moody
General Manager/Secretary