

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
April 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 additions or deletions of Agenda Items.

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 9:03 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 9:10 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2021 AND RESOLUTIONS NOS.
2021- 07, 2021-08, 2021-09, 2021-10, 2021-11 AND 2021-12.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2021 and Resolution Nos. 2021- 07, 2021-08, 2021-09, 2021-10, 2021-11 and 2021-12.

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

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

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

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

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE THE DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve the Draft Financial Statements for the twelve months ending December 31, 2020.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2021

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the months ending February 28, 2021.

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.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 7, 8, 9,

ITEM NO. 7

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OID AND SSJID FOR THE CANYON TUNNEL PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to approve adoption of the Interagency Agreement between OID and SSJID for the Canyon Tunnel Project 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. 8

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT UPDATED PROCUREMENT
POLICY**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to adopt the updated Procurement Policy 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.

Director DeBoer amended his motion, and it was seconded by Director Doornenbal, to change the last 'or' in the first sentence of Exhibit C to 'and'. The amendment 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. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF MAY 18 AND REINSTATE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR MAY 4, 2021

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the cancellation of the Special Board Meeting of May 18 and reinstate the Regular Board Meeting for May 4, 2021. It 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. 10

ITEM NO. 10
DISCUSSION ON GOAL SETTING FOR THE DISTRICT

The General Manager, Steve Knell, asked each Director to bring back five District goals for the May Board meeting. At the May meeting, each Director will provide a brief description and purpose of their goal and will do so uninterrupted. All goals will be consolidated and brought back for the June meeting for further discussion. Over the next few months, the Board will continue to develop and define their goals for the District.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO.11

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

General Manager, Steve Knell, discussed the information that was contained in the Board Packet under Communications. He highlighted an ACWA/JPIA \$10,000 grant awarded to the District for a pipe crawler. He mentioned a significant decrease in OID's Workers Comp EMOD percentage (0.93) for Workers Comp and shared the recent credits OID received to offset Workers' Comp costs from SDRMA, totaling over \$70,000. The water forecast was also discussed but awaiting Friday's numbers from Mr. Steiner on this forecast.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Personnel Committee met with the General Manager, Steve Knell, regarding the renewal of his employment contract. The Board was advised that the GM's Contract renewed automatically on April 1, 2021 for a period of 1-year, beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on July 1, 2022.

C. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Tobias

Director Tobias mentioned the District will be fortunate to have a pipe crawler for safety purposes and has not heard any negative feedback on water deliveries from constituents.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal complimented the District on its reduced EMOD and thanked employees for staying safe.

Director Santos

Director Santos was impressed with the Procurement Policy Update. She also stated she would rather water be sold within the sphere of influence, instead of selling to outside entities.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer complimented Oakdale Irrigation District's staff and thanked Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer, for her dedication and commitment to continual improvement within the District.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis reiterated compliments on the EMOD and stated how it validates the decision for having an independent Safety Compliance Officer. He also had not heard any negative feedback regarding water deliveries.

At 10:16 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.

Public comment on Closed Session items closed at 10:21 a.m.

At the hour of 10:28 a.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 12

- A. Government Code §54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator**
 Negotiating Parties: OID, SSJID, USBR, DWR, San Luis and Delta Mendota
 Water Authority, State Water Contractors, SEWD,
 Brisbane, CCSF, Mi-Wuks, ACWD
 Property: Water
 Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel
 Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- B. Government Code § 54957 – Public Employment: General Manager**
- C. Government Code §54956.9(b) – Exposure to Litigation: 4 cases**

D. **Government Code §54957 – Public Employee Discipline**

E. **Government Code §54956.9(c) – Initiation of Litigation**

At the hour of 12:43 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

President Orvis stated there was no reportable action coming out of Closed Session.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 13

At the hour of 12:43 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 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, April 15, 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