

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
August 17, 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

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.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT
ITEM NO. 1**

There was one public comment from Robert Frobose.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:08 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

General Manager, Steve Knell, requested that Item No. 5 be pulled from the Consent Calendar

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

ITEM NO. 2

APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 6, 2021, MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JULY 20, 2021 (WORKSHOP), AND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021, the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 20, 2021 (Workshop), and Resolution No. 2021-19.

ITEM NO. 3

APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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

ITEM NO. 6

APPROVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT OF DESIGNATED RESERVES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve to Receive and File Report of Designated Reserve as of December 31, 2020.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 5

ITEM NO. 5

APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT, MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORT, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and was unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer's Report, Mid-Year Budget Report, and Financial Statements for the Six Months Ending June 30, 2021.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 7, 8, 9

ITEM NO. 7

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FINDING THE SOUTH MAIN CANAL TUNNEL NO. 8 REHABILITATION PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve resolution finding the South Main Canal Tunnel No. 8 Rehabilitation Project categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act:

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, MODIFY OR AMEND THE CONSENSUS DIRECTION ON THE GOALS DISCUSSED AT THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON JULY 20, 2021

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, to adopt, modify, or amend the consensus direction on the goals discussed at the special board meeting on July 20, 2021:

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 ON IRRIGATION WATER AVAILABILITY AFTER THE END OF THE WATER YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Santos, on irrigation water availability after the end of the water year on September 30, 2021:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO.10

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

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

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, July 6, 2021
 - Discussion on GSA and GSP Development
2. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, July 29, 2021
 - Discussion Greger Facility Development
3. Planning and Public Relations Committee Meeting, August 6, 2021
 - Approval of \$1,100 donation to the Oakdale FFA Boosters
 - Approval of \$250 donation to the Oakdale Baseball and Softball Association

C. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Tobias

Director Tobias thanked Staff and Management for reducing costs and staying within cost parameters. He also thanked fellow directors for helping him out as someone new on the Board.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal thanked Director Tobias for running and being on the Board. He stated the Distribution System Operators are doing a great job with the water they have been delivering, noting that we are very lucky to have the volume of water and will have a great year.

Director Santos

Director Santos responded to the General Manager's comment during the Communications item number 10, regarding the investigation findings stated at the July 20, 2021 Board meeting. She expressed the investigation was done as constituents had concerns. She expanded that it was not her accusations or comments, but those whom she represents, and therefore is responsible for bringing those concerns forward to the Board. She stated there was an investigation and those findings were made public and felt that further discussion was not necessary. She added that we have had a good year in regards to water and it is very special as our water is owned by the people and not a government agency. She closed by stating the Rodeo was a very successful event and larger than it has ever been since it started.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer shared positive feedback he received from an employee at Modesto Irrigation District, stating they were impressed with the level of professionalism working with the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) staff on the Groundwater Sustainability Act. He thanked all staff for representing the District with professionalism. Director DeBoer opined that we as OID customers enjoy a tremendous blessing from our forefathers for establishing the District. He indicated since 2006 when he moved here, there has been a vast improvement to the District and he attributed that to District staff. He closed by stating he was looking forward to harvest and the end of October, noting for staff to keep up the good work.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis concurred with Director DeBoer's comment on harvest. He thanked staff for working through the pandemic. He also noted there was a great turnout at the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Family Night Out at Modesto Nuts. He discussed there may be differences of opinions from Staff and Board members, never less we need to remain united as a District.

At 9:57 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 10:04 a.m. Public Comment Closed and the Board took a short recess.

At the hour of 10:14 a.m. the Board reconvened to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM NO. 11:

- A. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation**
SJTA, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board

- B. Government Code §54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator**
 Negotiating Parties: OID, SSJID, USBR, San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority, Tuolumne Basin Districts, SEWD, Mi-Wuks, Various Local Out-of-District Landowners
 Property: Water
 Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel
 Under Negotiations: Terms and Price

- C. Government Code §54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator**
 Negotiating Parties: OID, Unknown at this time
 Property: Clavey House Property and Residence
 Agency Negotiators: General Manager, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel
 Under Negotiations: Disposal, Sale Price

D. Government Code §54957 – Public Employment: General Manager

At the hour of 12:33 p.m. the Board reconvened to Open Session.

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

11.C The Board approved to authorize staff to move forward with negotiations on the Clavey House Property and Residence:

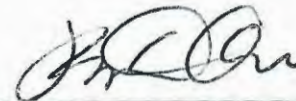
Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 12

At the hour of 12:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Next regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 21, 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 South San Joaquin Irrigation District. Details can be obtained by calling (209) 249-4600.



Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Steve Knell, P.E.
General Manager/Secretary