MINUTES

Oakdale, California October 6, 2020

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 9:02 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors:	Tom Orvis, President Gail Altieri, Vice President Herman Doornenbal Linda Santos
Absent:	Brad DeBoer
Staff Present:	Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary
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 not items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:04 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Robert Frobose commented on the General Manager's October 2020 Newsletter and on the 5-Year Out-of-District Water Program.

Rhonda Lucas commented regarding the letter that she emailed to the District yesterday afternoon regarding the Stanford Vina decision and on the General Manager's October 2020 Newsletter.

There being no public comment, public comment closed at 9:16 a.m.

Director Altieri requested that Item No. 8 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

<u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u> ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12

ITEM NO. 2 <u>APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES</u> <u>OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020</u> <u>AND RESOLUTION NOS. 2020-29, 2020-30 AND 2020-31</u>

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2020 and Resolution Nos. 2020-29, 2020-30 and 2020-31 by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 3 <u>APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION</u> <u>DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS</u>

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 by a roll call vote of 4-0.

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

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the Improvement District's Statement of Obligations by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 5 <u>APPROVE THE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL</u> <u>STATEMENTS FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020</u>

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 eight months ending August 31, 2020 by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 6 <u>APPROVE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING AG</u> <u>WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OPERATION AND</u> <u>MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2021</u>

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the adoption of a Resolution Setting Ag Water System Improvement District Operation and Maintenance Charges and Other Related Charges for the Year 2021 by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 7 <u>APPROVE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING DOMESTIC</u> <u>WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</u> <u>CHARGES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2021</u>

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the adoption of a Resolution Setting Domestic Water Improvement District Operation and Maintenance Charges and Other Related Charges for the year 2021 by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 9 <u>APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2020-GSA-002</u> <u>WITH HUNT & SONS, INC. (W. H. BRESHEARS, INC.) AND</u> <u>AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE</u>

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, was unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreement 2020-GSA-002 with Hunt & Sons, Inc. (W. H. Breshears, Inc.) and Authorize General Manager to negotiate and execute by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 10 <u>APPROVE RENEWAL OF DELTA DENTAL PLAN</u> INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve renewal of Delta Dental Plan Insurance coverage effective January 1, 2021 by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 11 <u>APPROVE RENEWAL OF VISION SERVICE PLAN</u> <u>INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021</u>

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve renewal of Vision Service Plan Insurance coverage effective January 1, 2021 by a roll call vote of 4-0.

ITEM NO. 12 <u>APPROVE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN</u> <u>OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY AND</u> <u>AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE (APN: 063-024-023)</u>

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement Between Oakdale Irrigation District and Pacific Gas & Electric Company and authorize the General Manager to execute (APN: 063-024-023) by a roll call vote of 4-0.

The above consent items were passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Absent

Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NO. 8

ITEM NO. 8 <u>APPROVE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING</u> <u>DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT</u> <u>RESERVE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021</u>

A motion was made by Director Altieri, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve adoption of the Resolution Setting Domestic Water Improvement District Reserve Fund Contributions for the Year 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Director Altieri	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Absent

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ACTION CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 13, 14, 15, 16

ITEM NO. 13

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO REFUND ALL DEPOSIT MONIES TO THE APPLICANTS OF THE 5-YEAR OUT-OF-DISTRICT WATER SALE PROGRAM LESS OID EXPENSES INCURRED TO DATE

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to refund all deposit monies to the applicants of the 5-Year Out-of-District Water Sale Program less the District's expenses incurred to date by the following roll call vote:

Director Altieri	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Absent

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM NO. 14 <u>REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE</u> <u>ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FINDING THE NORTH DUDLEY PIPELINE</u> <u>REPLACEMENT AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT CATEGORICALLY</u> <u>EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</u>

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to approve the adoption of a Resolution Finding the North Dudley Pipeline Replacement and Realignment Project Categorically Exempt Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the following roll call vote:

Director Altieri	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Absent

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM NO. 15

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM C. HARVEY AND ROBERTA L. HARVEY, TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM C. HARVEY AND ROBERTA L. HARVEY 2017 TRUST OUTLINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BORROW MATERIAL (APN: 015-014-040)

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos, and was unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with William C. Harvey and Roberta L. Harvey, Trustees of the William C. Harvey and Roberta L. Harvey 2017 Trust outlining the terms and conditions for the purchase of borrow material (APN: 015-014-040) by the following roll call vote:

Director Altieri	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Absent

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM NO. 16 <u>REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL THE BOARD</u> <u>MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1 AND 15, 2020 AND HOLD</u> <u>ONE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.</u>

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Altieri, and was unanimously supported to cancel the Board Meetings scheduled for December 1 and 15, 2020 and to hold one Special Board Meeting on December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by the following roll call vote:

Director Altieri	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director DeBoer	Absent

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS ITEM NO. 17

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

General Manager Steve Knell discussed the information that was contained in the Board Packet under Communications. General Manager also responded to a comment made during public comment and stated that the data presented in his GM Newsletter regarding inflows and outflows of water to OID was cited in the Newsletter as coming from the 2016 Ag Water Management Plan. He also stated that the Resolution Declaring Surplus Water is done per OID policy and the California Water Code.

B. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel Fred A. Silva had nothing to report.

C. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee Meeting, September 24, 2020

- Domestic Water Improvement District O & M Rates for 2021
- Domestic Water Improvement District Reserve Fund Contributions for 2021
- > Ag Water Improvement District O & M Rates for 2021

Action on the above was taken previously on this agenda.

Water/Engineering Committee Meeting, October 5, 2020

Garage Encroachment Request (APN: 010-064-030 – Aaron Juarez)

Director Doornenbal stated that the Committee came to the conclusion that Mr. Juarez would do more surveying to see if something could be rectified.

Directors Orvis and Doornenbal attended the Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting where the 2021 Budget was discussed. The budget will be on the October 15, 2020 Tri-Dam Meeting Agenda.

D. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Altieri

Director Altieri had no comments.

Director Santos

Director Santos requested that the 5-Year plan be placed back on the agenda so that it can be discussed further and be moved forward as quickly as possible. She also discussed the expenditures for the Damrell Office. Director Santos stated that this was the option given to the Board by staff. It was staff that requested that the Damrell House be utilized so that a third party could be present during the Board Meetings.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal stated that a member of the public made some remarks that one of our members Mr. DeBoer were not completely honest. A member of the public talked about not being able to deliver water. Director Doornenbal stated that the District currently has 7,000 acres of out-of-district landowners that can take water. He stated that 7,000 af at 3 af per acre totals 21,000 af. He stated that the District has 20,000 af of water available so the District can clearly deliver the 20,000 af this year. The people that own these 7,000 acres have chosen not to take the water.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis thanked staff for doing what they are doing to get everyone through the pandemic. He stated that he thought the audio was better today and he appreciated that. Director Orvis stated that Director Santos made a comment about the Damrell House and that Zoom is completely secure. Director Orvis stated that he would like to comment about the article that was on the front page of the Modesto Bee a few days ago. Whether it is true or not, essentially MID brought up a way that Zoom is not necessarily secure. Zoom does not have the ability to focus around the meeting it just has the ability to focus the audio on one speaker. Director Orvis stated that we offered the Damrell House as a convenience. Director Orvis stated he knows that three (3) Directors have been meeting here and that the two (2) Directors from the Damrell House have been involved in public meetings, public forums and out knocking on doors during campaigning. He feels that the District can accommodate all Directors in the Board Room safely. He encouraged all Board members to come back to the District office on November 3, 2020. Director Orvis further stated that he takes his job at the District very seriously as a trust of the public and when a constituent calls and states something that is incorrect, he tries to correct the statement. He stated that he has been having to do that more lately and he does not appreciate it. He stated that the incorrect information is coming directly from this organization and the public trust only goes so far. He stated that he would hope that any misinformation that is being

put out there is corrected. Otherwise the Board may have to address those things down the road.

At the hour of 10:27 a.m. the meeting adjourned to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM NO. 18

A. Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation (1 Case)

Genna Modrell, Susan Larson v. OID, SSJID, Tri-Dam Project, et al. Case No.: 19-CIV-07604

At the hour of 10:30 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session. Coming out of Closed Session, Director Orvis stated that there was no reportable action.

OTHER ACTION ITEM NO. 19

At the hour of 10:38 a.m. the Board meeting was adjourned. The next Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 20, 2020 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**, **October 15**, **2020 at 9:00 a.m.** via teleconference and hosted by SSJID. Details can be obtained by calling (209) 249-4600.

Attest:

Thomas D. Orvis, President

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary