

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
August 1, 2023

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
Linda Santos
Ed Tobias

Staff Present: Scot A. Moody, General Manager/Secretary
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Administrator
Eric Thorburn, District Engineer/Water Operations Manager
(via Zoom)
Joe Kosakiewicz, Construction and Maintenance Manager
Michael Ballinger, IT Systems Administrator

Also Present: Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel (via Zoom)
Fred Silva, General Counsel

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

At the hour of 9:00 a.m., the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Public Comment closed at 9:02 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT CALENDAR **ITEM NOS. 1-4**

- 1 Approve the Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023
- 2 Approve Oakdale Irrigation District’s Statement of Obligations
- 3 Approve OID Improvement Districts’ Statement of Obligations
- 4 Adopt the Resolution with San Joaquin County for Placement of Delinquent Fixed Charges on the 2023/2024 Tax Rolls

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the above noted Consent Calendar items:

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

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 5 and 6

Item No. 5

Review and Take Possible Action to Approve the Treasurer's Report, the mid-year budget report and Financial Statements for the Six Months Ending June 30, 2023

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to approve the Treasurer's Report, the mid-year budget report and Financial Statements for the Six Months Ending June 30, 2023:

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

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Item No. 6

Review and Take Possible Action regarding sponsorship of the Children's Guardian Home

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve sponsoring the Annual Children's Guardian Home:

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

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

PRESENTATION
ITEM NO. 7

Presentation from Construction and Maintenance Manager Regarding Activities of the Department

A Powerpoint presentation was given by Joe Kosakiewicz regarding activities of the Construction and Maintenance department.

Director Orvis requested that the Powerpoint be e-mailed to the Directors. Director Orvis also suggested maybe use of drone footage in the future.

Director DeBoer inquired as to Manager Kosakiewicz's biggest challenge in the Construction and Maintenance department.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NOS. 8 - 11

Item No. 8
Directors' Comments/Suggestions

Director Orvis:

Director Orvis welcomed Julie Hassell to OID as the new Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board. Director Orvis requested that the Board receive a copy of the Construction and Maintenance Manager's presentation. Director Orvis further mentioned that the Day Use area of Tulloch is now open. Additionally, Director Orvis mentioned to build on some things – opportunity for Boards to speak to each other.

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias felt sponsorship of Item No. 6 should be cut back to \$1,250. Director Tobias expressed his appreciation for Manager Kosakiewicz's presentation to the Board. Director Tobias further mentioned a long discussion was had at Tri-Dam regarding insurance issues and the Boards came to an agreement.

Director DeBoer:

Director DeBoer agreed to sponsor Item No. 6 subject to General Manager Scot Moody clarifying how OID would be presented at the event. Director DeBoer expressed he feels we have a great staff here. Director DeBoer thanked Chief Financial Officer Cisneros for her presentation to the board regarding Item No. 8. Director DeBoer also suggested maybe having sub-contractors in place to help with short-staffing issues.

Director DeBoer suggested placing the audio recording of Item No. 7 on the website and also suggested that there be a presentation at Tri-Dam regarding new laws.

Director DeBoer further mentioned to always be mindful of our constituents.

Director Santos:

Director Santos stated that low-income families may not understand sponsorship and to keep in mind for all sponsoring in the future.

Director Santos expressed that the weekly sheets presented by the Construction and Maintenance department have been extremely helpful and familiarizes her with both the crews and their responsibilities. Director Santos also mentioned that she appreciated the visual pictures. This gives a better understanding of what is involved in the projects. Director Santos presented the question to Joe Kosakiewicz to clarify what the Pest area handles.

Finally, Director Santos thanked both Joe and Sharon and expressed that she likes the Work Order setup and suggested that we all continue to work towards the same goal.

Item No. 9
Committee Reports

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias discussed attendance at the Tri-Dam Advisory meeting wherein there was a legal discussion regarding representation.

General Manager Moody:

General Manager Moody conveyed some of the obstacles Summer has been working on recently. She is entertaining the idea of a consortium to direct specialized counsel/attorney. It was mentioned to possibly entertain the idea of specialized counsel regarding electricity.

Item No. 10
General Manager's report on the status of OID activities

Scot Moody, General Manager, gave an update regarding water accounting framework (related to San Joaquin Basin). This will quantify who owns what and who pumps what. GM Moody also mentioned that the GSP was accepted by the State Board and that Stanislaus is due next year. Additionally, GM Moody brought up the strategy of potentially keeping dump trucks in-house for cost-saving purposes.

GM Moody recommended to Manager Kosakawiecz that he give presentation to his crew members as well.

GM Moody informed the Board that he and a team have been working on updating personnel policies and if the Board wants to take the revisions to committee, etc., there can be a discussion.

Item No. 11
Water Counsel Report

There was no report from Water Counsel.

At 10:46 a.m., President Orvis read the items to be discussed in closed session and opened for public comment on these items.

There was no public comment.

At the hour of 10:47 a.m. public comment closed, the Board took a recess and reconvened to closed session at 10:55 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 12

- 12 Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Existing Litigation – 2 cases
San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al v. California State Water Resources Control Board, County of Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. JCCP 5013

Attorney Tim O'Laughlin joined via telephone and left at 11:26 a.m.

President Orvis mentioned the next Tri-Dam meeting will be held at SSJID in Manteca on August 17, 2023. President Orvis also mentioned that due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

(Director Tobias left the board room at 11:30 a.m.)

At the hour of 11:43 a.m. the board reconvened to open session

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

OTHER ACTION

At the hour of 11:44 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 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, August 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** at the office of Tri-Dam, Manteca CA.



Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Scot A. Moody
General Manager/Secretary