

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
February 2, 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

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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Robert Frobose requested that Item No. 5 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:04 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021 AND
RESOLUTION NOS. 2020-01, 2020-02, 2020-03, AND 2020-04

A motion as made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and was unanimously supported to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 19, 2021 and Resolution Nos. 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-03 and 2021-04, by a roll call vote of 5-0.

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

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

A motion was made by Director Santos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and was unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer's Report for the twelve months ending December 31, 2020.

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

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

The motions passed by a 5-0 vote.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 5

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
2021-PSA-001 WITH TIM O'LAUGHLIN, A PROFESSIONAL LAW
CORPORATION, AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal and seconded by Director Tobias to approve the Professional Services Contract 2021-PSA-001 with Tim O'Laughlin, A Professional Law Corporation, and authorize the General Manager to execute, and was voted by the following roll call vote:

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| Director Tobias | Yes |
| Director Doornenbal | Yes |
| Director Orvis | Yes |
| Director Santos | No |
| Director DeBoer | Yes |

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

In a statement for the record, Director Santos advised that in her opinion, Mr. O'Laughlin has a perceived conflict of interest.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 6, 7

ITEM NO. 6
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES & REGULATIONS
GOVERNING OPERATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER
WITHIN THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT SERVICE AREA

A motion was made by Director DeBoer and was seconded by Director Doornenbal to approve the Resolution Adopting the Rules & Regulations Governing Operation and Distribution of Water Within the Oakdale Irrigation District Service Area and was voted by the following roll call vote:

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| 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. 7
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE EMPLOYEE 2021 OFFICIAL SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Santos and was unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Adopting the Employee 2021 Official Salary and Wage Schedule by the following roll call vote:

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

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

DISCUSSION
ITEM NO. 8

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DISCUSSION ON BUDGET REVIEW DUE TO POTENTIAL CHANGE IN
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM TRI-DAM PROJECT/AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

General Manager Steve Knell discussed the change in distributions from Tri-Dam Project/Authority for fiscal year 2021. He stated that we may have to come back to the board in May or June to discuss this further and ask for Board guidance.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 17

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

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

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water/Engineering Committee, February 1, 2021

- Request for Variance to the Out-of-District Turnout Moratorium

Director DeBoer stated that the Water/Engineering Committee met with a constituent to discuss his request and this matter would be brought to the full Board at the April Board Meeting.

C. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Tobias

Director Tobias stated that he is new to this Board, but there was a lot of discussion about accusations of improprieties about the attorneys, but in my experience on Boards, and I have

been on a couple before this, that every consultant or employee needs a well-defined set of goals that the Board has developed that are achievable and have a timeline on them. I think a lot of this stuff can be taken care of with that.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Santos

Director Santos thanked the office staff for the hard work in updating the Board Guidelines. Director Santos stated that she received 4.75" from the last weather event. Director Santos also stated that the snowpack at Dodge is at 8 feet and it is still snowing. Director Santos wished Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board Lori Fitzwater-Presley the best in her retirement and she appreciated having her here and keeping them all on track.

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer stated that he had three comments. The first comment is that he heard this morning that Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and we have six more weeks of winter giving us lots of time to get the snow pack and rain. Secondly, he thanked General Counsel for providing the information that he did last year. Director DeBoer stated that it was very informative. He stated that being on the Board requires us to think differently than being a member of the public. It requires you to think differently, act differently and even speak differently. I found the information very helpful, very succinct and reminded me of a few things that I need to continue to do. I appreciate General Counsel's work on that and I appreciate you looking out for us and giving us that guidance. Thirdly, Director DeBoer stated that he would like to support the idea of Director Santos being put back on committees. Director Santos was censured by the Tri-Dam Board and this Board and did the things that were required by the lawsuit's settlement with Tri-Dam. She attended the training and she provided the information removed from closed session and provided who got the information. Director DeBoer stated that he would like to suggest that she address Tri-Dam at the next Tri-Dam Meeting and seek to be relieved of the restrictions placed against her by that Board and once she is released by that Board that she also make the request before this Board so that she may serve on some of the Committees.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis stated that Director DeBoer's recommendation was for Director Santos to make her request at the Tri-Dam Meeting and if successful it can be place on the March Agenda. Director Orvis stated that the last rain event filled the stock ponds on the ranch and that should hold them through. Director Orvis also stated that for the first time in a year there was Stanislaus County Water Advisory Meeting last week on Zoom. He stated that there are three new members on the WAC. Director Orvis also thanked staff for taking the COVID pandemic to heart.

At the hour of 10:00 a.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 10

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

At the hour of 11:21 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. 11

At the hour of 11:22 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 2, 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, February 18, 2020 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