

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
October 5, 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
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager/District Engineer

Also Present: Fred A. Silva, General Counsel

**ADDITION OR DELETION OF
AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items added or deleted.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

General Manager requested Action Item No. 14 and Action Item No. 15 be taken out of sequence to follow Public Comment.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT
ITEM NO. 1**

There was no public comment.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

Director, Brad DeBoer, requested that Item No. 12 be pulled from the Consent Calendar

**CONSENT ITEMS
ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11**

ITEM NO. 2

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Doornenbal, to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021.

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

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

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE EIGHT
MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the financial statements for the eight months ending August 31, 2021.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE AGREEMENT RESOLVING WATER RIGHTS PROTEST AGAINST THE LAKE
ALPINE WATER COMPANY AND THE COUNTY OF ALPINE

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve agreement resolving water rights protest against the Lake Alpine Water Company and the County of Alpine.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE RENEWAL OF DELTA DENTAL PLAN INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 2022

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve renewal of Delta Dental plan insurance coverage effective January 1, 2022.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE RENEWAL OF VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 2022

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve renewal of vision service plan insurance coverage effective January 1, 2022.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SETTING AG WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR YEAR
2022

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the resolution setting ag water system Improvement District operations and maintenance charges and other related charges for year 2022.

ITEM NO. 10

APPROVE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND OTHE RELATED CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2022

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the resolution setting domestic water Improvement District operations and maintenance charges and other related charges for year 2022.

ITEM NO. 11

APPROVE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RESERVE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to approve the resolution setting domestic water improvement district reserve fund contributions for the year 2022.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 12

ITEM NO. 12

APPROVE CLAIM FILED BY SAN LUIS DELTA MENDOTA WATER AGENCY FOR COSTS INCURRED IN THE PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR A WATER TRANSFER WITH OID AND SSJID

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, and was unanimously supported to approve the claim filed by San Luis Delta Mendota Water Agency for costs incurred in the preparation of documents for a water transfer with OID and SSJID.

ACTION CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 14

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD BID TO SIERRA MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION, INC. AS THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER FOR THE SOUTH MAIN CANAL AND TUNNEL IMPROVEMENTS – TUNNEL 8 REHABILITAION PROJECT, AMEND THE 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE ASSOCIATED CHANGE ORDERS

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to award bid to Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder for the South Main Canal and Tunnel Improvements – Tunnel 8 Rehabilitation Project, Amend the 2021 Capital Budget, and Authorize General Manager to Execute Associated Change Order:

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. 15**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 029 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2009-PSA-003 WITH CONDOR EARTH TECHNOLOGIES, INC., DBA CONDOR EARTH (CONDOR) TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (DISTRICT) SOUTH MAIN CANAL AND TUNNEL IMPROVMENTS – TUNNEL 8 REHABILITATION PROJECT**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve Work Release No. 029 to Professional Services Agreement 2009-PSA-003 with Condor Earth Technologies, Inc., DBA Condor Earth (Condor) to provide construction management and quality assurance services for the Oakdale Irrigation (District) South Main Canal and Tunnel Improvements – Tunnel 8 Rehabilitation Project:

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. 13**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTON TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (OID) PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 ON JUNE 11, 2021, WHICH AUTHORIZES REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 5, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4, 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to approve adoption of resolution of the Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 4, 2020, and Executive Order N-08-21 on June 11, 2021, which authorizes remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Oakdale Irrigation District for the period October 5, 2021 through November 4, 2021 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions:

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. 16
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING
AGRICULTURAL WATER USER RATES FOR 2022

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve adoption of a resolution setting agricultural water user rates for 2022:

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

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

ITEM NO. 17
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OAKDALE TO PROVIDE MATERIALS AND LABOR
TO CONSTRUCT TWO IRRIGATION PUMP STATIONS AND RELATED PIPING AT THE GREGER
AND DOG PARK BASIN LOCATIONS AND APPROVE FUNDING OF THE PROJECT FROM THE
MUNICIPAL CONSERVATION PROJECT DESIGNATED FUNDS

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Oakdale to provide materials and labor to construct two irrigation pump stations and related piping at the Greger and Dog Park basin locations and approve funding of the project from the Municipal Conservation Project Designated Funds:

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. 18
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REGARDING
INVESTIGATION OF IMPROPER THREATS

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to adopt a resolution regarding investigation of improper threats:

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

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

ITEM NO. 19
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON REORGANIZING THE BOARD'S AGENDA AND FOLLOW BEST GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Tobias, to adopt the reorganization of the Board's agenda and practices for six months from November 2021 through April 2022. The Board will re-evaluate at the April 2022 Board meeting to reinstate for future meetings:

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.20

ITEM NO. 20
DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR

Chief Financial Officer, Sharon Cisneros gave a PowerPoint presentation on the draft budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO.21

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

General Manager, Steve Knell, discussed the information that was passed out to the Board Members regarding 2021 water deliveries.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee, September 21, 2021

- Draft Budget Review for the 2022 Fiscal Year

Director DeBoer stated the committee met with the CFO, Sharon Cisneros and reviewed the draft budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

C. SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Tobias

Director Tobias thanked Eric Thorburn and his staff for their work. He thanked Sharon Cisneros for the draft budget and expanded that it was very understandable, and pointed out some areas to address. He closed by thanking Steve Knell for a great job.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal expressed that OID will be facing some issues in the future, noting financing, and he felt the Board is up to facing it. He expanded after Director DeBoer's comment, that his constituents are very grateful of the October water, and he wanted to relay that to the Board.

Director Santos

No comment

Director DeBoer

Director DeBoer thanked staff for a great job on the 2021 water season. He stated that OID faces a very serious income issue; noting that the District may need to look outside the box, and consider options that the District has not done in the past. He expanded that we cannot allow our District to degrade, fall apart, and not be maintained, and that is a giant task for the Board. Director DeBoer stated that the District is dependent on hydrology for electricity production which benefits the District with funds. He closed by hoping for a rainy spring.

Director Orvis

Director Orvis reiterated Director Doornenbal regarding the October water. He added that it is very good for a lot of customers, and gives a chance for groundwater recharge and keep the pumps off. He stated that he is on the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee and a lot of concern has been raised regarding administering well permits. He expanded that the Stanislaus County Supreme Court ruled that people requesting a well in a flood plain, near contamination, or leach fields will need to do a CEQA. Director Orvis closed by thanking Eric Thorburn for his assistance addressing a constituent's issue.

At 10:37 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 10:37 a.m. Public Comment Closed and the Board took a short recess.

At the hour of 10:45 a.m. the Board reconvened to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM NO. 22:

- A. Government Code §54957 – Public Employment: General Manager (update regarding search for new General Manager)**
- B. Government Code §54956.9(b) – Exposure to Litigation: 1 case**

At the hour of 11:17 p.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. 23

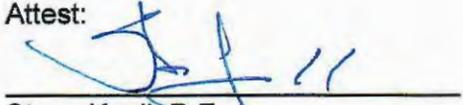
At the hour of 11:18 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Next regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Details can be obtained by calling (209) 847-0341.

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, October 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.



Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Steve Knell, P.E.
General Manager/Secretary