

August 8, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Saucelito Irrigation District met this day in a regular session. The office is located at 20712 Avenue 120, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kisling called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: M. Merritt
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Nick Keller – Engineer
Josh T. Fox - Attorney

GUEST: Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Adam Mendoza – Full Circle Farming
Nick Gatti - Homer
Robin Smith – Wonderful Citrus
Aaron Lewis – EIB
Parker Rous – Sunview Vineyards

AGENDA – The Manager reported that the agenda is in order and has been posted as required.

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, Kisling– to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on July 11, 2024.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: M. Merritt

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble - to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the district as presented and to ratify four other payments that needed to be made before the end of July.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: M. Merritt

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. Adam Mendoza spoke for Full Circle Farming. Adam said that there was insufficient water to irrigate their crops due to running recharge water at the bequest of SID early in season. Management agreed to investigate the situation .

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL—The Board reviewed the District's financial status. Included in the review were the Citizens Business Bank accounts check register from the prior month, Local Agencies Investment Fund reports, Money Market Account Statement, Treasurer, Collector's, and Secretary's reports, and February Income and Balance Sheets. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff - to accept the financial statements and direct that they be placed on file.

AYE: Kisling, E. Merritt, Demetriff & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: M. Merritt

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS— Nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER—Nick Keller reviewed the water schedule report with the Board. The water usage in July of 8471 acre-feet was extremely high due to the hot weather. The board packet includes the Employee Safety Meeting and Monthly Field Staff Report for the Board's review. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – The Manager continued forwarding CEO updates from Jason Phillips, CEO of FWA, and the AECA newsletter to the Board members. Keller updated the Board on the pump stations. Keller continues to have bi-weekly meetings regarding the pumping plants' design. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA—The Manager reported ETGSA has completed the new GSP. Discussion ensued.

2024-2025 WATER YEAR – WATER POLICY – There is nothing to report today.

EIR STUDY FOR GROUNDWATER BANKING POLICY PROGRAM—The Manager reported he is meeting with P&P every two weeks throughout the process. Staff reported they have reached out to Kern-Tulare WD to get more information about their well monitoring program; the field staff have been locating the wells within the district. Discussion ensued.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - The Board set the date and time for the Board of Equalization to meet.

M/S/U, Demetriff, E. Merritt – to set the Board of Equalization meeting for September 12, 2024, to start at 9:30 a.m. in the SID Board room.

AYE: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff & Noble
NAY: None
ABSENT: M. Merritt

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), (4)] (one Case)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Friant Water Authority v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU306343.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] the City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:38 am.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:28 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary