

December 14, 2023

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, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
Nick Keller – Engineer

GUEST: Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Sarah Hodson

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Noble, M. Merritt– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on November 9, 2023, with one correction.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Noble, E. Merritt - to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented and to authorize the transfer of funds, as necessary.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment at this time. Having no one, the Board moved on to the reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

FINANCIAL – The Board reviewed the financial status of the District. 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. The Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed. Discussion ensued.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION – The Manager asked the Board to consider the request from CFWC for membership dues of \$2,666.00.

M/S/U, M. Merritt, Noble– to accept the Manager's recommendation and pay the membership dues for CFWC 2024.

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

OPERATIONS & WATER – Nick Keller reviewed the water schedule report with the Board. November water usage was 29 acre-feet, USBR has increased the percentage to 12% for carryover water into next year, leaving 818 acre-feet for February. Keller reported on the progress being made with the new canal construction, the District will be delivering water out of the old canal until the new pumping plants are built and connected to the District's laterals. The board packet included 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. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager spoke about the subsidence zone, and the need for a program to manage the area going forward both within the District boundaries and outside the boundaries. The Manager and Keller will work on gathering names and the amount of acres owned for those affected by the subsidence zone within the district. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager stated Thomas Harder & Company sent the report to the Manager, Engineer and Attorney last night. The report still needs to be reviewed. Discussion ensued.

2024 BUDGET – The Manager stated we will consider reviewing the budget next month.

INVESTMENT POLICY – The Manager reviewed the investment policy and information about Camp investment with the Board. The Manager reported on what some of the other districts have done with their Camp investments. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to adopt the Investment Policy and to set up an account with Camp.

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

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – The Manager reported there wasn't a need for a closed session.

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.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (3 Case)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. v. Saucelito Irrigation District Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU301700

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary