

January 11, 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 9:32 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble, Arrived late E. Merritt
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager

GUEST: Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Aaron Lewis -

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble– to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on December 14, 2023, with one correction.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, M Merritt, Noble - to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the district as presented and the PNC Loan payment once the statement arrives, which is due by February 1, 2024, 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, Demetriff, M. Merritt – 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 – ACWA DELTA DENTAL – The Manager reviewed the ACWA Delta Dental plans included in the board packets. Foreman Brown was asked to present the plans' cost differences and benefits to the Board. The annual max benefit would go from \$1,500 to \$ 3,000. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to accept the new ACWA PPO Delta Dental plan that increases the annual max benefit to \$3,000.00.

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

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reviewed the water schedule report from Nick Keller with the Board. The USBR has increased the percentage allowed for class 1 carryover to 17%. The district's remaining water supply has all been moved to carry over for the 2024 water year. Included in the board packet are 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 reported that some local growers plan to sit down with the State Water Board about getting the GSP updated. There was a discussion about the transitional pumping, and the first year is getting ready to expire. The Manager stated it was only intended to be a penalty program. SMGA designed the transitional pumping to be a ramp down over time. The Manager stated Thomas Harder & Company report shows a five-year update with three years being drought, which put pressure on subsidence. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager received the banking policy last night and will push it out to the Board once he has time to review the policy. We should have the environmental document by next week. Discussion ensued.

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

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT- The Board reviewed the audit completed by Joe Mastro of Cuttone and Mastro Certified Public Accountants. Discussion ensued.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff – To accept the 2022 audited Financial Statement and direct them to be placed on file.

AYE: E. Merritt, Kisling, 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 11:07 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary