

July 13, 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 9:31 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff, M. Merritt & Noble
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer

GUEST:

Larry Suniga – Renewable Resources
Douglas Jackson – Land and Water
Susan Long – Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust

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

MINUTES

M/S/U, Demetriff, M. Merritt – to approve the minutes with one change from the Regular Board of Directors' meeting held on June 8, 2023.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, M. Merritt, E. Merritt – to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented and the additional bill from PNC Bank when it arrives and to authorize the transfer of funds, as necessary.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling acknowledged Susan Long, who wished to make a presentation about the Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust, and to asking if anyone would be interested in serving as a member on the agricultural advisory committee for the Tule Sub-Basin Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program. Following the presentation, 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, and Secretary's reports. The Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed. The Treasurer will have the June Treasurer and Collector report next month for review.

M/S/U, Noble, Demetriff – to accept the Financial Statements and directed that they be placed on file.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – The Manager updated the Board on the Basinsafe software. We are adding the data into the system; however, it could take until next year before it will be completely functional.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reviewed the water schedule with the Board. The USBR water allocation is still 100% Class 1 with a possible residual of 5% or 10% Class 2 after July 31, 2023. The Manager announced that the uncontrolled season could end at any time between July 23 to 31. Currently, Class 1 and 2 are the only waters in the canal. The water schedule report from Nick Keller is included in the Board packet. The Board also received and reviewed the Employee Safety Meeting and Monthly Field Staff Report. 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. DCTRA and ACWA, there is nothing to report. Discussion ensued.

EASTERN TULE GSA – The Manager reported that the ETGSA has hired a Controller. At present, the GSAs in Tule Basin all have individual GSPs. However, the GSAs are considering having just one GSP for the Tule Basin. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reported that Thomas Harder and Company had sent a draft report to Keller to review. Nick Keller reported that more work needs to be done on the study. The Manager stated that all recharge water ran before the District becomes a Water Banker will remain recharge water and cannot be converted to banked water.

2022 EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND AUDIT- The Board reviewed the audit completed by Cuttone & Mastro Certified Public Accountants.

M/S/U, Demetriff, Noble – To accept the 2022 Employees' Money Purchase Pension Plan Financial Statement and directed them to be placed on file.

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

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:27 am.

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)

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:51 am. President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary