

June 8, 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 9:32 am.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: E. Merritt, Kisling, Demetriff & M. Merritt
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Noble
OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer
GUEST:
Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources
Douglas Jackson – Land and Water
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Aaron Lewis - EKI Environment & Water Inc.

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 from the regular Board of Directors' meeting held on May 11, 2023.

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

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

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

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.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – No report was given.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager stated the District used 8888 acre-feet in May, missing the projection of 9000 acre-feet. The canal will be fully dewatered starting in November for general biannual maintenance, and the canal is expected to be ready to deliver water on February 1, 2024. The Board received a copy of the report that Jose had completed. Discussion ensued.

STATUS OF AUTHORITIES – FWA will be moving forward on the District's four pumping stations as part of phase 1 of the Middle Reach project for the new canal. USBR has gone out to bid on the District's pumping stations. 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 sent out a letter to growers in the subsidence zone that a meter will be installed on all wells in this area to be monitored. ETGSA has hired a lobbyist in Sacramento to help navigate the process of getting the GSA plan moving forward. On Monday, June 5, the Manager and other Managers of all GSAs in the Tule subsidence area meet in Sacramento. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager reported that Thomas Harder and Company continue to work on the study for the Banking Policy.

CLOSED SESSION – No 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)

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:11 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary