

October 12, 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: Kisling, Demetriff, Noble & E. Merritt arrived at 9:33

DIRECTORS ABSENT: M. Merritt

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, Manager
Diane M. Ennis, Secretary/Treasurer

GUEST: Nick Gatti – Renewable Resources
Andrew Hart – Booth Ranches
Douglas Jackson – Water & Land Solutions
Aaron Lewis - EKI Environment & Water Inc.
Parker Rous – Sunview Vineyard

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 September 14, 2023.

AYE: Kisling, Demetriff, & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: E. Merritt & M. Merritt

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

M/S/U, Noble, 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 & Noble

NAY: None

ABSENT: M. Merritt

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Kisling asked if anyone from the public wished to comment at this time. Andrew Hart wanted to say thanks to the Board for having us. 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. E. Merritt, Noble – to accept the Financial Statements and directed that they be placed on file.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – There was nothing to report.

OPERATIONS & WATER – The Manager reviewed the water schedule report from Nick Keller with the Board. The Manager still encourages everyone to use water in October, reducing the amount that will have to be run in February. The USBR only allows 10% for carryover. On Monday, FWA made it mandatory for all district water orders to be placed 48 hours in advance of water being delivered. October 16 -23, the C-East lateral will be down for the contractor to make the necessary repairs. 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 the upcoming meeting for the stakeholders will be held this afternoon. Groundwater Sustainability continues to be a problem; they have identified three deep wells that could be causing some of the problems. Discussion ensued.

BANKING POLICY – The Manager stated his number one priority is to get the CEQA document ready for the Board by December's meeting to start the 45-day review. The new Banking Program zones will need to be set up to help growers know where new ponds should be located. Discussion ensued.

2024 BUDGET – The Manager stated that the 2024 Budget would be reviewed at the next meeting with the revised water supply of 100% C1 and 10% C2. Ennis will research the possibility of moving the Budget approval to a different month. Discussion ensued.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board adjourned to a closed session at 10:18 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)

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS- The Board returned from a Closed Session at 11:02 am.

President Kisling stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary