

EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150 South E Street
Exeter, California

December 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:30 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, Greg Crosson, and David Nielsen. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, Craig Hornung, AC Foods Inc and Christina Saenger, Landowner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments, none were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kilgore announced Director Cosart attended the Friant WA Board of Directors meeting on December 8, 2023. Director Ferrara attended the East Kaweah GSA Board of Directors meeting on December 1, 2023, and the South Valley Water Association meeting on December 8, 2023.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara made a call to accept the Agenda, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the October 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented. Abstain: Director Ferrara.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Mr. Kilgore presented October/November Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to \$210,777.46. Petty cash expenses amounted to \$32.32. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Ward, seconded by Director Cosart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the September expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40454 through #40534, inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for October/November, noting receipts of \$1,037,732.61. It was further reported that as of November 30, 2023, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of \$1,926,658.28 and \$170,591.66, respectively, amounting to \$2,097,249.94. Also submitted for review was Novembers' report of investments amounting to \$3,077,637.58, for total District funds amounting to \$5,174,887.52. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B."

2023 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore reviewed the 2023 adopted budget and discussed outstanding variances that had not been previously reviewed.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported November Friant deliveries totaled 355 acre-feet. The District recorded no rainfall in September. Average rainfall for November was .28 inches. Annual precipitation recorded to-date totaled 1.40 inches. As of December 14th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,040,139 acre-feet, 203,737 acre-feet and 1,144,940 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Kilgore provided a brief update of the ACWA Conference, highlighting some significant labor law changes for 2024. Phase 1 (sediment removal) has been completed on the Yokohl Creek Rehabilitation Project performed by Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District. Phase 2 (levee repair) will require landowners to participate in cost sharing as in Phase 1. A meeting date has not been scheduled to discuss Phase 2 with landowners as of December 12, 2023.

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the easement conflict with the Yokohl Landing project and legal is drafting an agreement for review and acceptance by the developer.

Mr. Kilgore reported substantial pump wear at E1 and E2 pump stations. The screens have been removed for maintenance as well as inspection of other pump station components.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore presented a proposal to consolidate administrative staff from Exeter, Ivanhoe, and Stone Corral Irrigation Districts to TDWA. The Board requested additional information to be presented at the next meeting for review.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project. Subsidence continues to be an issue for the region. Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that its one-year Associate Member status with FWA terminated in November. Mr. Kilgore requested FWA extend the agreement for 6 to 12 months, which the FWA Board acted on December 8th and extended the agreement for 6 months, agreement forthcoming.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported the land lease agreement for the KEX project is being reviewed by AC Foods. The second land agreement is on hold until further notice.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Hornung provided a brief update on the coordination agreement between the three GSAs. Mr. Kilgore stated he is currently working on finalizing 2023 delivery data to be submitted to the EKGSA for the landowners.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the transfer of the Fish Bio studies to Friant is still being discussed. The original agreed upon plan to transfer future studies has been shelved for the moment. Mr. Kilgore presented the SVWA 2024 Budget. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Budget as presented. Mr. Kilgore suggested transitioning away from the current SVWA structure and possibly utilizing Six-33 Solutions LLC as more in a consultant role for special projects.

CLOSED SESSION

Convened to closed session at 4:17p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened to open session at 4:54, no recordable action was taken closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Crosson adjourned the Board meeting at 4:54 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager