

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

July 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by General Manager Gene Kilgore at 1:33 p.m. Director's present were Bob Ward, Keith Cosart, and Ralph Fuller. Others Present were Gene Kilgore, Selena Rossman, Brooke Shaw (Via Telephone), Dan Vink (Via Telephone), and Craig Hornung (Via Telephone). Directors absent were Joe Ferrara and Greg Crosson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Manager Kilgore called for any public comment. No comments were received.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Manager Kilgore requested to Add Item 5e: Consider Approving the General Manager as Signatory to the L.A.I.F Investment Account. On motion by Director Fuller, seconded by Director Ward, the motion carried, the agenda was approved with the addition of Item 5e.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Director Cosart asked for approval of the minutes from the June 9, 2022, Board meeting. On motion by Director Fuller, seconded by Director Ward, the motion carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Rossman presented the accounts payable for review to the Board. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Cosart, seconded by Director Fuller and the motion carried, the Board approved the warrants/accounts payable as presented and ordered payments warrants #39844 through #39886, inclusive and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Rossman reviewed the Financial Statements and reports prepared for the month noting receipts of \$1,214,376.03 and disbursements of \$1,287,457.22. It was further reported that as of June 30, 2022, the District had an active ending bank balance in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of

America, of \$1,047,097.00 and \$122,820.78, respectively. Also submitted for Board review was the monthly report of investments amounting to \$3,8761,350.31. Petty cash reimbursement amounted to \$13.95, cookies for Board meeting. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Fuller, the motion carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit “B.”

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that he was not signatory to the District’s L.A.I.F investment account. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, the motion carried, the Board authorized Directors Ferrara, Crosson, Manager Eugene Kilgore and Treasurer Selena Rossman as signatory to the L.A.I.F. investment account.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Kilgore requested approval of Resolution 2022-1, Ordering Even-Year Board of Directors Election; Consolidation of Elections; and Specifications of the Election. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, the motion carried, the Board approved Resolution 2022-1 as presented, herein attached.

Ayes: Directors Cosart, Ward, and Fuller

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Directors Ferrara and Crosson

WATER SUPPLY:

Manager Kilgore reported that the Bureau increased Friant water allocation from 15% to 20% and requested the 20% forecasted water delivery schedule. Along with the 20 % schedule, the Bureau also requested a 30% forecasted water schedule. The Bureau had alluded to the possibility of increasing the allocation to 30%. However, the expectations from the Friant contractors were that the Bureau would most likely raise the allocation to only 25%, based on current hydrology. Mr. Jackson signaled that he would make the determination for any additional increases no later than July 25, 2022.

Mr. Kilgore announce that a 2nd block of Unreleased Restoration Flows (URF) was made available, which the District purchased its allocation of 436 acre-feet.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board the Nick Keller had facilitated a transfer agreement to exchange five (5) acre-feet of re-circulation water held in San Luis Reservoir. The exchange was for 1:1 at Millerton, plus the District would receive \$300 /acre-foot. The District would be responsible for all Bureau water charges.

Mr. Kilgore proposed increasing the current District allocation from 0.24 to 0.29 acre-feet/Acre the Board concurred with the recommendation. The water rate remained at \$423 per acre-foot until management could re-evaluate the 2022 Budget.

Millerton capacity, as of July 14, 2022, was recorded at 320,959 acre-feet, roughly 62% of capacity. The District recorded 0.12 inches of rainfall for the month of June, for a season total of 9.61 inches.

Mr. Kilgore reported that over the past few months he had been tracking the Bureau delivery meter readings along with the District's delivery meter readings for comparison. Initially, there are some significant discrepancies, but additional tracking is required before findings can be contested to the Bureau.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore advised the Board he was continues the search to fill at least one field vacancy in the next few months.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Southern California Edison (SCE) has presented the District's engineering consultant, Dennis Keller, with a proposed repair procedure. However, there were some construction issues with the proposal. Mr. Keller is continuing to work through details with Southern California Edison and the Bureau.

There was no update provided for the 5-year Water Management Plan update.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board the District's General Liability coverage came up for renewal. The new premium was \$31,939.00 an increase of \$2,525.00. Staff received a second quote from a different provider, which came in lower, but a three (3) year commitment was required. Management wanted to explore the possibility of joining the Joint Powers Insurance Authority pool in 2023-2024 operation period, the renewal was accepted with the current provider, Allied World Assurance Company.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Kilgore provided a memorandum from Friant Water Authority (FWA) noticing FWA's proposed Operations, Maintenance and Replacement (OM&R) 2022-2023 Budget. The OM&R Budget was approved for public comment at the June 23, 2022, Board of Directors meeting, any public comment needs to be received by August 31, 2022. The FWA Board will consider adopting the OM&R Budget at the September 22, 2022, Board meeting.

Mr. Kilgore provided a summary of the Friant-Kern Canal Water Quality Guidelines and Cooperative Agreement. Mr. Kilgore asked Mr. Keller to provide a summary of the same. The Board deferred taking any action until the August Board meeting.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Kilgore requested additional time to better learn of the District operations in order to draft sound banking, recharge, and grower carryover policies.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore reported on the flier that went out to the growers informing growers the Water Dashboard went active on July 8, 2022. Mr., Kilgore, also reported on the EKGSA project list, which the Yokohl Recharge project was listed. The ad hoc committee continues to work on the Rules and Regulations Policy. The EKGSA continues to revise the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The EKGSA Board will be meeting July 25, 2022, to consider adopting the revised GSP and have it ready to submit prior to the July 27, 2022, deadline.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Kilgore reported on the SVWA activities provided by Dan Vink from his July Home Board Update report. He also provided the PowerPoint to the Board, Understanding the Science behind the San Joaquin Rivers Restoration Program, which was presented to Assemblyman Jim Costa by the group.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ACTION TAKEN FROM A PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to a previous closed session discussion, held on June 9, 2022, the Board authorized the District's legal counsel to file on the behalf of District, the Notice of Appeal for Case No. 1:16-CVP-01276-MCW. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board approved filing a Notice of Appeal. On July 5, 2022, the Notice to Appeal was filed.

Ayes: Ferrara, Crosson, Cosart, Ward, Fuller

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Director Fuller, seconded by Director Cosart and unanimously carried, General Manager Kilgore adjourned the Board meeting at 2:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager