

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Directors

33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 2024 – Convenes at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Caviglia, Phillips, Felts, DeLeonardis, Paregien, Peltzer, and Spruitenburg
General Manager: Gene Kilgore

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest to the public within the Board of Directors subject matter or jurisdiction before or during the Board of Directors considerations of the item in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3 (Brown Act).

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Review and Approve Agenda – **ACTION**

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Minutes of the January 9, 2024, Board meeting
- b. Accounts Payable
- c. Financial Statements
- d. Investment Report
- e. Delinquent Accounts

6. WATER SUPPLY

- a. 2024 Water Supply – **INFORMATION**

7. CONSIDER ADOPTING PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET – ACTION

8. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- a. District Maintenance Activities
- b. District Groundwater Levels

9. MANAGERS REPORT

- a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – **UPDATE**
- b. Consider 218 Election – **INFORMATION**
- c. USDA/NRCS Grant – **UPDATE**
- d. Tri-District Water Authority – **INFORMATION**

10. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

- a. EKGSA activities – **UPDATE**
- b. Cottonwood Creek Grant – **UPDATE**

11. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

- a. Associate Member Agreement – **INFORMATION**
- b. Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Correction – **UPDATE**

12. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

- a. Report on recent activities – **UPDATE**

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - existing litigation; Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of GC Section 54956.9, the Board will meet to discuss:
 - a. Natural Resources Defense Council vs. Murillo, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-cv-1658-LKK-GGH Review status of various issues related to this litigation and implementation of the San Joaquin River Settlement.
 - b. City of Fresno et al vs. United States. U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L.
 - c. Friant Water Supply Protection Association v. Del Puerto Water District et al. Stanislaus Co. Sup. Court Case No. CV-20-005164.
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (2 potential cases)
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to GC Section 54956.8):
Property: District Conveyance Facilities
Agency negotiator: Gene Kilgore
Negotiating parties: Wonderful
Under negotiation: Terms and conditions of use

14. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292

February 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Phillips on January 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.; Directors present were, Terry Peltzer, William Spruitenburg, Doug Phillips, Steven Paregien, and Bob Felts. As scheduled, Director Caviglia and DeLeonardis attended late at 2:43 p.m. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Superintendent Chris Marshall, Water Analyst Maria Silva, and Growers Craig Hornung, Andrew Hart, Berne Evans, Barney Evans, Gary Hilton, and Justin Golding.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Berne Evans thanked the Board for their commitment to improve the District's conveyance system and develop new water sources.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Manager Kilgore stated Richard Zack was researching information for Wutchumna Water Company and was seeking information regarding the location of original District Wutchumna pump stations. Over the next few months, he will be in the office reviewing the District's archive minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Phillips called for the approval of the December 12, 2023, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Kilgore presented December's payroll and accounts payable amounting to \$ 25,468.07 and \$134,005.01, respectively. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Paregien seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: check numbers 16887-16933, inclusive and included herewith as Attachment "A".

The Citizens Business Bank checking account's December 1st beginning balance was \$1,131,421.95, and the December 31st ending balance was \$1,533,877.66. The Payroll account #696 had an ending balance of \$2,772.11.

The District's investments, as of December 31st amounted to the following: Money Market account #688 had a balance of \$12,398.19, Money Market account #3430 had a balance of \$559,390.92, L.A.I.F account #009 had a balance of \$532,430.93, Bank of the Sierra 90-day Certificate of Deposit's had a balance of \$521,147.59

and the Stifel Smart Rate Plan ending balance was \$511,283.50. The ending balance for all investment funds amounted to \$2,136,651.13.

Mr. Kilgore noted there were twenty-five (25) delinquent accounts amounting to \$28,078.55. The Board authorized waiving all District assessment totaling less or equal to \$2.00. Mr. Kilgore reviewed the 2023 Budget with the Board. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Paregien, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented.

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported that the 2023/2024 CVP allocation is tracking between 50-60 percent. Surcharging of the canal is anticipated to begin mid-January to make the February 1, 2024, fill schedule. There was 1.54 inches of precipitation recorded in December, for a season total of 2.87 inches.

DISTRICT OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Vice President Phillips called for nominations for Board officers. After a brief discussion, Director Felts nominated the same slate of officers. On motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried, the Board appointed Director Caviglia as president, Director Phillips as vice-president and General Manager Gene Kilgore as Board treasurer and secretary.

REVIEW DRAFT 2024 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore presented the 2024 draft budget for review and discussion to be finalized at the February 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

RESOLUTION 2024-01

Mr. Kilgore presented the District's request for a Section 215 Bureau of Reclamation water contract for water year 2023/2024. On motion of Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Paregien, and carried, the Board adopted Resolution 2024-01 approving execution of the contract when provided by the Bureau.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY (TDWA):

Mr. Kilgore provided additional information regarding the structure and cost savings to the three Districts by consolidating the administrative personnel with the Tri-District Water Authority. The Board agreed that a controller and special project manager were necessary to allow for the efficient use of time for management. Mr. Kilgore requested time to collaborate with legal counsel to make the transition seamless.

STONE CORRAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT COST SHARING OF SUPERVISION AND FIELD EMPLOYEES:

Mr. Kilgore reported Stone Corral Board approved the proposal to share employees between Ivanhoe Irrigation District (IID) and Stone Corral Irrigation District (SCID). Legal with amend the current employee sharing agreement to include supervision and field staff.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Marshall reported the average depth of groundwater measured in January was 102.41 feet. The average groundwater depth measurement rose by 1.89 feet from December's measurement.

Mr. Marshall reported that a section of the concrete line is in the process of being replaced.

MANAGERS REPORT:

There was no progress on the Agricultural Water Management Plan. Mr. Kilgore reported that staff were getting the remaining pipeline measurements to assist the District's engineering consultants with developing the 218-election budget. Mr. Marshall reported he was waiting on fittings for the USDA/NRCS grant project.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Hornung provided a brief update on the coordination going on between the three GSAs. Mr. Kilgore stated that the technical advisor committee was scheduled to meet to evaluate the average annual decline scenarios that are being evaluated to assist in setting minimum thresholds within the sub-basin. Mr. Kilgore reported on the Cottonwood Creek grant progress. The Bureau is reviewing the project and will submit comments, if any.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA):

Mr. Kilgore presented the 6-month extension to the Associate Member Agreement for execution. On motion of Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Felts, and carried, the Board authorized execution of the Agreement. Mr. Kilgore presented the First Amendment to the Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flow in the lower San Joaquin River for execution. On motion of Director Paregien, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amendment.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that subsidence continues to be an issue with the Phase 1 canal correction project.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION:

Mr. Kilgore reported no current reportable activity.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to closed session at 3:15 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 3:35 p.m., with no recordable action.

EMPLOYEE SALARY COMPENSTION ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Kilgore requested a 6.9% payroll increase to be distributed as determined by management. After deliberations, on motion of Director Felts, seconded by Director Caviglia, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the increase of 6.9%.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Peltzer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m. Next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Doug Phillips, Vice President

General Manager, Gene Kilgore