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MEETING AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of
Directors

Orange Cove Irrigation District

October 9, 2024 @ 11:30 A.M.

Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest to the public within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction before or during the Board's consideration of the item in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3 (Brown Act). At the discretion of the District, all items appearing on the agenda, whether expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action by the District. The agenda sequence is subject to change.

- 1) *Call to Order.*
- 2) *Additions / Modifications to Agenda.*
- 3) *Public Comment.*
- 4) *Minutes* – The Board will review and consider approval of the draft September 2024 Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes. (**Actionable**)
- 5) *2023/2024 Financial Audit Report* – The District's financial auditor, M. Green & Associates, will review all findings of its financial audit for the Fiscal Year ending February 2024. The Board will consider accepting the draft Audit Report prepared and reviewed by M. Green as a final representation of the accurate financial condition of the District. (**Actionable**)
- 6) *Ratification of Bills* – The Board will review cash flow and consider ratification of warrants paid since the previous Board Meeting. (**Actionable**)
- 7) *Monthly Report* – A discussion of on-going District activities including water supply status, water management and deliveries, hydropower plant operations, Friant Power Authority activities, revenue, and financial position. (**Informational**)
- 8) *Friant Water Authority Issues* – The Board will discuss issues associated with the Friant Water Authority. (**Informational**)
- 9) *Collector's Deed* – The Board will discuss the status of the delinquent account for property owned by Ms. Elizabeth Gunner with an address of 23662 E. Jefferson Avenue. This property has delinquent Standby Assessments dating back to September 25, 2017. (**Actionable**).
- 10) *Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget* – The Board will consider staff's recommendation for the District's upcoming fiscal year budget based on the estimation of fixed annual costs over that year. The Board will consider adoption of the recommended budget. (**Actionable**)
- 11) *Closed Session - Personnel* – The Board will review and discuss the compensation of Manager Morrissey in Closed Session and may change current aspects. Action taken in this regard during Closed Session will be reported in Open Session. (**Actionable**).

- 12) *Adjourn* – The Board will adjourn, setting the time and location for the next 2024 Regular Board meeting.
(Actionable)

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Minutes of the September Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday September 11, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:59 A.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

Directors Present: David Brown – Chairman
Arlen Miller – Vice Chairman
Andrew Brown
Kevin Orlopp

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary
Keith Clem, Assistant GM
Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative
Matt Caviglia, Landowner

1. Call to Order

Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 11:59 A.M., with a quorum of Directors in attendance for the meeting's duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. BOE Hearing Recess

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:00 P.M. to consider landowner comment on the Assessment Role during the publicly noticed Board of Equalization Hearing. There was no landowner attendance for this purpose. Staff noted that the Assessment Role is unmodified from last year. *Following a motion of Director Orlopp and a Second to that motion by Director A. Brown, the Board voted unanimously to accept the prepared Assessment Role, reflecting the Districts records for tax assessment purposes, for the coming Standby billing this December.*

5. Return from Recess

The Board Meeting went back into Regular Session at 12:03 P.M.

6. Minutes

The draft July 2024 Special Board Meeting and the August 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes were contemporaneously considered for approval by the Board. *Director Orlopp motioned to approve both sets of minutes as mailed. Director A. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the July Special and August Regular 2024 draft minutes' approval.*

7. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period August 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024 for Board ratification.

Total disbursements for the period were \$1,077,800.21. Approximately 50% of that total was related to water payments to Reclamation, and \$215,000 for electricity. After review, there were

no questions on the bills paid. ***Upon motion by Director A. Brown and second by Director Orlopp, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills paid for the noted period.***

8. Monthly Report

Controller Paine worked through the 11 items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

1. *Delinquent Standby Charges*
2. *Deficit Water Users*
3. *Miscellaneous Receivables*
4. *Water Deliveries through Contract Year*
5. *Kings River Power Plant*
6. *Fishwater Release Power Plant*
7. *Investments*
8. *LAIF*
9. *Deposits in WFC*
10. *FPA Distribution*
11. *Legal Expenditures*

Of note:

- Gunner property delinquency remains unresolved. Certified letter notifying Gunner that the District is pursuing a Collectors Deed, was sent by certified mail on August 8, 2024. The Board will consider action at its next meeting. Controller Paine noted that he would once again reach out (to the previous Realtor involved) to contact Ms. Gunner.
- 6,763 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in August, with 26,560 af used since March 1. This year's August usage was 99.97% of last year's August usage of 6,766 af in District.
- KRSH generated \$0 in revenue while FWR generated \$21,529.78 in revenue to the District for the August period.
- The District's position in LAIF was reviewed and there was consensus to move some available reserve funds into LAIF as it is a lagging indicator, and interest rates appear to be on the way down.
- \$XXX in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received by the District for the August period.

AG Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report for the August period. Of note, the bridge pipeline crossing at Manning Avenue was completed. The final cost is expected to be slightly higher than the estimate due to unexpected (minor) field conditions. A leak repair on System 13 was noted, as was installation of an awning over the space between shipping containers 2 and 3 in the District's Yard.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

9. Agreement for Common Use

The City of Orange Cove planned development on Sumner Avenue west Anchor Avenue will include pavement and sidewalks built over the District's pipeline. The pipeline is on City property and the District has an easement for its pipeline. The Common Use Agreement has been in the development stage for several years as the City attempts to fund this planned development. Staff has reviewed the Agreement as has Counsel Doud, for adequacy in protecting the District from liability and cost exposure in the event future maintenance is needed on said pipeline. Counsel Doud feels that the Agreement protects the District from its noted concerns. ***By motion of Director Orlopp and second by Director A. Brown, the Board voted unanimously in favor of executing the Agreement for Common Use.*** The Agreement will be taken to City Council for their approval prior to its full execution.

10. Friant Water Authority Issues

The Board considered approving the Drought Pool Pilot Program, which has been a topic of discussion over the previous two Board Meeting cycles. Manager Morrissey recommended approval of the Pilot Program, noting that the two year period will provide time for the details of the Program to be fleshed out at which time consideration of participation in the Program will be considered. *By Motion of Director Miller and second by Director A. Brown the Board voted unanimously in favor of participating in the Drought Pool Pilot Program.*

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday October 9, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David Brown, Board Chairman

Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary