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MEETING AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of
Directors

Orange Cove Irrigation District

June 12, 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

David A. Brown

Division 2

Vice-President

Arlen D. Miller

Division 4

Brian Hixson

Division 1

Andrew Brown

Division 3

Kevin Orlopp

Division 5

Officers

**Engineer-Manager / Secretary /
Assessor / Collector**

Fergus A. Morrissey

Controller/Treasurer

Roger Paine

General Legal Counsel

Young Wooldridge, LLP

- 1) *Call to Order.*
- 2) *Additions / Modifications to Agenda.*
- 3) *Public Comment.*
- 4) *Minutes* – The Board will review and consider approval of the draft May 2024 Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes. (**Actionable**)
- 5) *Ratification of Bills* – The Board will review cash flow and will consider ratification of warrants paid since the previous Board Meeting. (**Actionable**)
- 6) *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**)
- 7) *Closed Session. The Board will go into Closed Session to discuss an item of potential litigation with legal counsel,*
 - a) *Rivers and Landscapes Implementation Enforcement Agreement,*
and for personnel and staffing.
 - b) *District Staffing and Staff Annual Review*
(**Actionable**)
- 8) *Adjourn* – The Board will adjourn, setting the time and location for the July 2024 Regular Board meeting. (**Actionable**)

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Minutes of the May Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District held on Wednesday May 8, 2024. Chairman D. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 P.M., with the following Directors and Officers present:

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

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

Public: Andrew Hart, Landowner Representative
Matthew Caviglia, Landowner

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 12:09 P.M., with all Directors in attendance for the meeting’s duration.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes to the packet (mailed) Agenda were noted.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Minutes

The draft April 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes was considered by the Board. *Director A. Brown motioned to approve the minutes as mailed. Director Orlopp seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the draft minutes’ approval for April, 2024.*

5. Ratification of Bills

Controller Paine provided details on checking account activity (receivables and payables) for the period March 25 – April , 2024, for Board ratification.

Total disbursements for the period were \$389,578.701, with \$58,402.32 as a deposit for bridge crossing replacement pipeline being capital. After discussion there were no questions on the bills paid. *Upon motion by Director Miller and second by Director Hixson the Board voted unanimously to ratify the bills presented as paid.*

6. Monthly Treasurer’s 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.
- 605 acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in April, the second month of the 2024/25 Contract Year.
- KRSH generated nearly \$8,119.31 in revenue while FWR generated \$24,873.36 in revenue to the District for the April period.
- Approximately \$68,785 in FPA distributions from Hydro Units 1 and 2 combined were received for the April period.

AGM Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report with the Board. A variety of activities including repair to high energy electrical protection and relay components at FWR resulting from a blown fuse, replacement of the swamp cooler at FWR, installation of a new power pole at Turnout 14, repair of a leak on a manifold at Turnout 1N, removal of several meter and meter stands on a landowner property (removed at no charge but will be charged if / when reinstalled), repair of a 12-inch buried pipeline that was damaged by a landowner penetrating the pipeline with a post, and various other routine activities. Bids are being received for capital pipeline and system manifold replacement and work will begin in the near term on those facilities, operations permitting.

Manager Morrissey discussed the dynamics of the water supply situation. Millerton is presently in flood operations with at least a several week duration. After discussion, there was consensus from the Directors for staff to communicate to growers the opportunity to divert Contract supply from last year before it is spilled. There is some concern that the residual Class 1 allocation, following flood operations, may be reduced and so using all water available is paramount. ***No formal action was taken by the Board.***

7. Friant Water Authority Issues

Various issues being undertaken by the FWA on behalf of Friant Division Contractors were discussed. ***No action was taken.***

8. 2024 District Elections – Resolution 2024-01

The Board considered Resolution 2024-01, providing Specifications to both Fresno and Tulare County Election Order for November 5, 2024 General Election. The Resolution makes various stipulations for action by the District that are associated with each County's election process; including but not limited to the cost and payor of an incumbent candidate's statement, newspaper where the notice of election will be posted, requesting and consenting to the respective County Board of Supervisors to permit the County Clerk/Registrar of voters to provide all necessary election services and to canvass the results of the election. ***A motion adopting Resolution 2024-01 was motioned by Director Orlopp and seconded by Director A. Brown. Directors Orlopp, A. Brown, Hixson, Miller and D. Brown voted aye and the Resolution was adopted by the Board unanimously.***

9. Investment Policy Statement

The Board reviewed, discussed and approved the draft IPS provided in the packet, by ***motion of***

Director Miller and second by Director Hixson and unanimous vote by the Directors the draft IPS was approved by the Board. Staff will provide the IPS to its financial auditor.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday June 12, 2024 at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

David A. Brown, Board Chairman

Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary