

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
March 17, 2022**

President Bransford called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. with the flag salute. The meeting was held at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board Room, 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, California

Present:

Donald R. Bransford, President, Division 4
Peter Knight, Vice-President, Division 1
John Amaro, Director, Division 2 (via teleconference)
Logan Dennis, Director, Division 3
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Thaddeus L. Bettner, General Manager
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Jered Shipley, Water Operations Superintendent
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent
Zac Dickens, District Engineer
Holly Dawley, Water Resources Manager
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Ingrid Shepline, CPA, Richardson & Company, LLP
Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies
Jacob Morrison, CV Strategies
Jeff Kahn, Water User
Jenny Scheer
Todd Bishop, GeekWire
Don Wright, Water Rights

Public Participation

President Bransford called for public participation and asked if anyone would like to address the Board and as no one from the public wished to address the Board, the meeting continued.

ADMINISTRATION

Water Operations

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that Term 91 is currently lifted but close to being imposed. The system would remain charged for deliveries to the refuge even if Term 91 is imposed because they do not fall under the same requirements. He reported that approximately 21,000 acres have applied for water under the District's winter water permit. To put that number into perspective, there are approximately 24,000 acres of permanent

crops in the District. He added that the District is still unsure of what its SRS Contract water supply will be at this point, and the District is preparing for several different scenarios. Once the water supply amount is known, the District will reach out to water users and host a landowner meeting to convey what the District's plan will be. The District will also be working closely with Water Operators to develop water operator area budgets to utilize and deliver water in the most effective and efficient way possible.

General Manager Bettner provided a report on supply and negotiation discussions. He reported that we are currently looking at the driest of dry conditions on the Sacramento River. Concerns regarding Salmon survival and cold water storage continue to be a topic of discussion and modeling efforts are occurring to support those conversations.

General Manager Bettner added that he has participated in several meetings including those with Jered Blumenfeld of the Cal. Environmental Protection Agency, Chuck Bonham with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Ernest Conant, Director of Fish and Wildlife Services Paul Souza, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Assistant Regional Administrator Cathy Marcinkevage.

He also added that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) must approve the Temperature Management Plan. There are different opinions of how long the process will take but people understand that this is critical and needs to be expeditiously addressed. He also reported that they are hoping to come to an agreement on water supply/operations by April 1.

2020-2021 Audit Presentation by Richardson & Company and Approval of Audit Report
Finance Director Louis Jarvis introduced Ingrid Shepline of Richardson & Company, who delivered the GCID audit presentation for fiscal year 2020-2021. Ms. Shepline reviewed several portions of the audit report and noted one adjustment that will need to be made to the review process of billing adjustments. She reported that GCID staff did an excellent job with the financials for the District. Finance Director Jarvis added that GCID has signed a new 5-year term with Richardson & Company and said the District has appreciated all of Ms. Shepline's work with regard to the District audit process.

The Board thanked Ms. Shepline for her services and for taking the time to provide a thorough report to the Board.

Director Dennis moved to approve the 2020-2021 audit report. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro, Dennis and Vann

Report from GCID Communications Consultant CV Strategies
CV Strategies Director of Account Management Janet Zimmerman provided a report on activities over the past several months and progress being made on the development of a new GCID website. She reviewed the newly formatted District newsletter the *GCID Currents*, and staff bulletin *The Channel*. She showed samples and explained the process of developing the new logo, stationary, agendas, board packet covers and new GCID website.

The District is excited about the re-branding and new direction of GCID communications. The Board thanked Ms. Zimmerman for her and CV Strategies' hard work thus far and thanked her for taking the time to provide an update to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Knight moved to approve the payment of claims # 22 10960 through #22 10973 and #22 10975 through #22 11039, in the amount of Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand, Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ten Cents (\$786,058.10), approve the March 3, 2022 minutes, and approve Resolution No. 2022-10 re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings. Director Vann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro, Dennis and Vann

The resolution is attached to the minutes as Attachment A.

Approve Payment of Claims to Colusa County Farm Supply

Director Vann moved to approve the payment of claim #22 10974 to Colusa County Farm Supply in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Nine and Forty-Four Cents (\$339.44). Director Knight seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Vann

Abstain: Director Dennis

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance Department has completed the 25-1 long-crested weir, completed the 47-1 culvert failure repair, replaced the SC-1A private drain, begun work on the 22-1 private drain siphon, repaired a private drain siphon at Lynn weir, and continued spraying and mowing in various areas. He also reported that they are working to coordinate on the Viera/Sites drain issue, coordinating with Glenn County for upcoming culvert replacements, and working on a dredge agreement with Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority. Upcoming work will include the repair of small holes in the canal at Road V and interviews for Maintenance, Abatement and Fabrication positions.

Engineering

District Engineer Dickens reported that the Engineering Department is continuing to assist with the coordination of failed culvert replacements. They are also reinitiating the design coordination for Abel Check and Lurline Check. He reported that the Engineering Department has surveyed levels of approximately 18 wells withing the District.

Water Resources

Water Resources Manager Dawley reported that the Gradient Facility team is working to examine possible phasing of project elements to optimize construction opportunities and move up the implementation schedule. She also reported that funding continues to be the next challenge as agencies implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Jarvis provided a report on the Treasurer's Report, Financial Report and Damage Claims Report for the month of February.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Meeting Reports

Director Amaro reported that he participated in the Glenn Groundwater Authority meeting where discussion took place regarding subsidence in the Arbuckle area, the Proposition 218 process that is due in approximately one year and the staffing issue that both the Colusa and Glenn Groundwater Authorities are facing.

Manager's Report

None.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation and Real Property Negotiations.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: One Potential Case

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9)

Name of Cases:

- i. *PCFFA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-DAD-EPG);
- ii. *CNRA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00426-DAD-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits];
- iii. *Smith v. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District* (Glenn County Case No. 21CV02779)

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: GCID's water supplies

GCID Negotiators: Thaddeus Bettner and Counsel Andrew Hitchings

Negotiating Parties: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and its

Member Agencies, Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Under Negotiation: Call dates, and other transaction details

D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Management/Supervisory Employees

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:43 a.m.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, during which the Board heard updates on *Anticipated Litigation*, and took action to deny the claim.

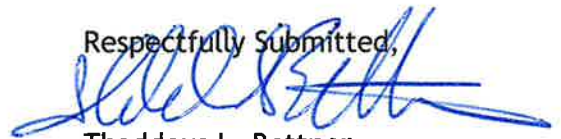
President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.8, during which discussion took place regarding real property negotiations and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54957, during which the Board heard updates and took no action.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thaddeus L. Bettner
Secretary

Attest a true record of proceedings made and
taken at the above foregoing meeting our consent
thereto and our presence thereat.


Donald R. Bransford
Peter Knight
John Amaro
Logan Dennis
Blake Vann

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GLENN-COLUSA
IRRIGATION DISTRICT RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE
MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)**

WHEREAS, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (District) recognizes the importance of transparency and clear communication in government, and is committed to full compliance with the letter and spirit of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 – 54963) (hereinafter “Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s Board of Directors are open and public, as required by the Brown Act, so that any member of the public may attend and participate; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)), allows members of a legislative body to participate in meetings remotely, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), if a state of emergency is proclaimed pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors previously adopted Resolution 2022-02 on January 25, 2022 finding that the requisite conditions exist for the District to conduct remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the District is required to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency every thirty days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. The Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
3. The Board of Directors does hereby find that the State of Emergency proclaimed by Governor Gavin Newsom pursuant to Government Code section 8625 on March 4, 2020 remains in effect and emergency conditions continue to persist in the District.
4. The Board of Directors does hereby find that the continued increase of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Glenn and Colusa Counties due to the Omicron variant poses an imminent risk to the health and safety those attending meetings of the District’s Board of Directors directly impacting the ability to meet safely in person.
5. The General Manager and staff are hereby authorized and directed to continue to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including,

conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) April 2, 2022, or (ii) such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors may continue to meet remotely without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District on March 3, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Director Bransford, Knight, Amaro, Dennis and Vann


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


Donald Bransford
President, Board of Directors
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

ATTEST:


Thaddeus Bettner
Secretary, Board of Directors
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District