

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
September 15, 2022**

President Bransford called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:01 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
Logan Dennis, Director, Division 3
Blake Vann, Director, Division 5

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Janet Zimmerman, CV Strategies (via teleconference)
Justin Dahl, Water Operations Supervisor (via teleconference)
Jake Hancock, Water Operations Supervisor (via teleconference)
Vince Laufer, Maintenance Supervisor (via teleconference)
Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (via teleconference)

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Dennis moved to approve the payment of claims #22 10134, #22 11634 through #22 11661, and #22 11663 through #22 11861, in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$4,208,836.34) and approve the September 1, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Director Amaro seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Approve Payment of Claims to Colusa County Farm Supply

Director Knight moved to approve the payment of claim #22 11662 to Colusa County Farm Supply in the amount of Forty-Six Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$46.92). Director Amaro seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Bransford, Knight, Amaro and Vann

Abstain: Director Dennis

BUSINESS ITEMS

Consider and Approve Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget

Finance Director Louis Jarvis reported that GCID staff have prepared the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget based on assumptions such as: 100% water year, 100,000 acres of rice planted and 126,000 total acres planted, no water rate increase for 2023, Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company transfer revenue of \$775,000, 4% increase in the Cost-of-Service rate for Project Water, \$1.03 million 'true up' payment from Fiscal Year 2021-22, \$8.6 million in capital expenditures, and 8% Cost-of-Living adjustment. He provided a summary review including the end of year projections for 2021-22 and forecast for 2022-23. The Board agreed that the Operations and Maintenance Committee should meet to further review the Capital Budget as there are a fair amount of expensive items on the list.

Director Dennis moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget pending further review of the Capital Budget by the Operations and Maintenance Committee. Director Knight seconded to motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Review and Consider Adoption of Revised Reserve Policy; Review and Consider Recommended Changes to Reserve Balances

This item was tabled for further discussion at the November 3 GCID Board Workshop.

ADMINISTRATION

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance Department has been cleaning drains and laterals, repairing lateral bank erosion, spraying, mowing, discing and floating lateral banks. He also reported that they are continuing to remove material at the Gravel Bar project and will reach approximately 100,000 cubic yards of material moved by the end of this week which will put them right on schedule for their anticipated completion date.

Water Operations

Water Operations Superintendent Shipley reported that Shasta storage levels are slowly going down although it is currently 400,000 acre-feet above where it was at this time last year. He also reported that only a small amount of water, approximately 600 acre-feet, has been purchased from the supplemental pool since it was made available for non-crop irrigations.

Engineering

District Engineer Dickens reported that the Engineering Department has assisted in the planning, inspection, surveying, and design for check structure replacements, metergate turnouts and lateral modernization including 15 survey performed for check replacement planning and more than 30 surveys performed for turnout replacements. They have also assisted with the Abel Check design coordination.

Water Resources

Water Resources Manager Dawley provided an update on the Gravel Bar Removal Project reporting that the project is moving along on schedule and the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board conducted compliance site visits on September 6 and September 7. California Department of Fish and Wildlife is expected to visit the site the week of September 19.

Assistant General Manager Greg Krzys also added that he is spearheading the efforts to obtain routine maintenance and encroachment permits for the parcels along the intake channel.

Treasurer's Report

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

INFORMATION REPORTS

Meeting Reports

Director Amaro reported that he attended the Glenn Groundwater Authority meeting where they further discussed the hiring process for a consultant firm for the Proposition 218 process in which they have narrowed their selection to two firms out of the four that submitted proposals. He also reporting that the Corning Subbasin is going through a similar process in which three proposals were submitted, but not firm has been selected yet.

Director Dennis reported that there is a Joint Sites meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Manager's Report

General Manager Bettner reported that staff are working through personnel changes with the departure of our Finance Director, Water Operations Superintendent, and Water Accounting & SCADA Technician. He also reported that the Sacramento River Settlement Contractor Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 22. He also reported that he has participated in meetings and discussions regarding the Voluntary Agreements and the Biological Opinions.

Attorney's Report

Counsel Hitchings provided an update regarding the curtailment case decision.

Other Business

The Board took a moment to acknowledge that this Board meeting would be the last for Finance Director Louis Jarvis and Water Operations Superintendent Jered Shipley. The Board expressed their sincere appreciation for both Louis and Jered's dedication and contributions to the District. The Board and GCID staff wished them both success and fulfillment in their future endeavors.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:48 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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves
Employee Organization: UPEC 792
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves
Employee Organization: Office Unit
- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
(Government Code Section 54957)
Titles: Management/Supervisory Employees
- E. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957)
Title: General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 10:37 a.m.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9, during which the Board heard updates on *Anticipated Litigation*, and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to (Government Code Section 54957.6), during which the Board heard an update on *Labor Negotiations* and took no action.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to (Government Code Section 54957.6), during which the Board heard an update on *Labor Negotiations* and gave direction to the labor negotiating team.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, during which the discussion was tabled. This item will be brought back to a future Board meeting for consideration.

President Bransford reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54957, during which the agendaized Public Employee Performance Evaluation- General Manager was discussed and the Board gave direction to staff.

Review and Consider Approval of Compensation for Management and Supervisory Employees
This item was tabled.

Review and Consider Approval of Compensation for General Manager
This item was tabled.

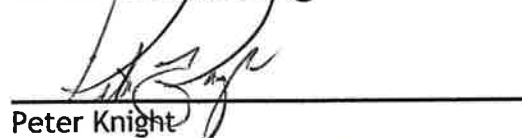
The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

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
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