

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
September 21, 2023**

President Amaro called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 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:

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

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Thaddeus L. Bettner, General Manager
Greg Krzys, Assistant General Manager
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent
Ed Henderson, Water Operations Superintendent
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Courtney Hamilton, CV Strategies (via teleconference)
Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (via teleconference)

Public Participation

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:07 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation, Labor Negotiations, and Public Employee

Appointment:

- 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-JLT-EPG);
 - ii. *CNRA v. Raimondo* (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00426-JLT-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits]

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: One Potential Case
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves
Employee Organizations: UPEC 792
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves
Employee Organization: Office Unit
- F. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Donald Bransford; Peter Knight; Louis Jarvis; Karen Alves
Unrepresented Employees: Management/Supervisory Employees
- G. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54957)
Title: Interim General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:28 a.m.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to 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 Amaro 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 on *Existing Litigation* and took no action.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators, but there was no discussion as there were no updates on those matters.

President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 *Public Employee Appointment - Interim General Manager*, where the Board appointed Greg Krzys as Interim General Manager.

Discuss and Consider Appointing Interim General Manager as Board Secretary

Counsel Hitchings explained that the Board Secretary is responsible for signing anything that requires an official certification including minutes, resolutions, etc.

Director Knight moved to appoint the Interim General Manager as Board Secretary. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Discuss and Consider Job Description for General Manager, District Management Organization, Process for Selecting Search Firm for General Manager, and Related Matters

A Special Board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 11 a.m. to further discuss this item in detail.

Review and Consider Approval of Compensation for Management and Supervisory Employees

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Dennis moved to approve the payment of claims #23 10296, #23 13471 through #23 13536, in the amount of Seven Hundred Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$740,841.61) and approve the August 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Director Vann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Review and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2023-10 General District Election Results

Administrative Services Manager Alves reported that the District held the 2023 General District Director election on August 29, 2023. Two candidates filed for Division 1, Peter D. Knight and Seth Fiack. Ballots were mailed at the end of July, and received and counted through August 20, 2023. The results were calculated, and Peter D. Knight received the majority of the votes. Resolution 2023-10 has been prepared as part of the process to certify the results of the election per Election Code 15372 and 15401.

Every odd year a General District Director election may be held for directors whose terms are expiring. When an incumbent files to run, but no one files to run against them, no election is held, and a request is sent to the County Board of Supervisors to appoint the incumbent to a new four (4) year term.

For the 2023 election, Peter D. Knight will begin his new four (4) year term the first Friday in December 2023. John Amaro and Logan Dennis ran unopposed, and a request has been sent to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors for appointment to another four (4) year term, which will also start on the first Friday in December 2023.

Director Vann moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-10 affirming the General District Election results. Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Consider and Approve Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

Finance Director Jarvis provided a detailed review of the 2023-2024 budget items which were previously reviewed and considered by the Budget Subcommittee. The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget anticipated an operational deficit of \$326,000. When budgeted capital expenditures are included, the anticipated budget deficit is \$10.3 million. Staff anticipates a surplus for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of approximately \$16.1 million, resulting in reserves at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 expected to total \$43.1 million.

Director Dennis moved to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. Director Vann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

Review and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2023-11 Approving the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Investment Policy and Delegating Investment Authority for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Finance Director Jarvis reported that Government Code Section 53646(a)(2) states “the treasurer or chief fiscal officer of the local agency may annually render to the legislative body of that local agency... a statement of investment policy which the legislative body of the local agency shall consider at a public meeting. Any change in the policy shall also be considered by the legislative body of the local agency at the public meetings.”

The current Investment Policy (Policy) was readopted by the Board on August 11, 2022, with no changes. Both staff and the District’s external investment advisor have reviewed the current policy and suggested a few minor changes including changing the minimum credit rating for Medium-Term Notes from ‘AA’ to ‘A’ and making related changes to the narrative description of Medium-Term Notes. Changing the minimum rating from ‘AA’ to ‘A’ is recommended as it aligns with state code and will allow for the purchase of Medium-Term Notes from a slightly greater pool of issuers. The recommended changes also include correcting a minor omission in the narrative section of the Policy (‘Federal Farm Credit Bank’ to ‘Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation.’)

Additionally, Government Code Section 53607 states “The authority of the legislative body to invest or to reinvest funds of a local agency, or to sell or exchange securities so purchased, may be delegated for a one-year period by the legislative body to the treasurer of the local agency, who shall thereafter assume full responsibility for those transactions until the delegation of authority is revoked or expires...”. Resolution No. 2023-11 delegates the authority to invest the funds of the District pursuant to the Policy for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Director Dennis moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-11 approving the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Investment Policy and Delegating Investment Authority for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Director Bransford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATION

Department Reports

Maintenance

Maintenance Superintendent Richardson reported that the Maintenance Department has been removing aquatics from laterals, drains, and recapture sites, repairing damage to the conveyance system, began construction and installation of meter gates on Lateral 21-4 as part of the improvement project, sprayed and mowed laterals and drains, conducted private work for growers and landowners, and fabricated walkways for access to measurement sites. He also reported that he has helped coordinate the 21-4 and 48-1 lateral modernization projects and construction schedules, participated in the coordination of the siphon replacement design, and participated in leadership development discussions.

Water Operations

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported that the pump station is currently at 500 cubic feet per second (cfs). Growers have continued to apply for rice decomposition water. Water Operations staff are moving to the Maintenance Department to assist with projects as the water season nears an end and the Maintenance shutdown period approaches. He also reported that Water Supervisors are teaching new operators about winter shutdown preparations. Director Amaro expressed concerns about giving out rice decomposition water too soon. Director Dennis asked how many growers will be affected by the Ranch Weir construction project and staff responded that maybe one grower, but they may have a solution for that individual if needed.

Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Jarvis reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, and Damage Claims Report for the month of August.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Director Bransford reported that he participated in the Northern California Water Association meeting and several Sacramento River Settlement Contractors calls/meetings.

Manager's Report

General Manager Bettner reported that he is putting together the list of his items to wrap up his final days at the District.

Communications Report

CV Strategies Courtney Hamilton reported that they are working with GCID staff to complete the District Update and the District Engineer recruitment brochure.

Attorney's Report

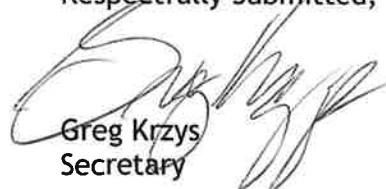
None.

Other Business

None.

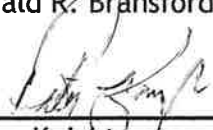
The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Greg Krzys
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