

**Minutes of Meeting
Held
March 21, 2024**

President Amaro called the meeting of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board of Directors to order at 9:02 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:

Greg Krzys, Interim General Manager (via teleconference)
Louis Jarvis, Finance Director
Kayla Mendonca, Executive Assistant
Karen Alves, Administrative Services Manager
Jeremy Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent
Ed Henderson, Water Operations Superintendent
Jake Hancock, Assistant Water Operations Superintendent
Chris Privitera, Associate Engineer
Andy Hitchings, Somach Simmons & Dunn
Brittany Johnson, Somach Simmon & Dunn
Ali Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Anne Williams, MBK Engineers
Kelly Ornbaun, Water User
Johnna Ornbaun, Water User
Sid LaGrande, Water User
John Cecil, Water User
Rob Shadley, Water User
Tim Sanchez, Water User
Mike Lux, Water User
Jeff Sutton, TCCA (via teleconference)
Courtney Hamilton, CV Strategies (via teleconference)
Tara Mulally, CV Strategies (via teleconference)

Public Participation

Kelly and Johnna Ornbaun addressed the Board regarding a piece of property involved in a settlement. They inquired about obtaining an easement agreement for a private ditch that services the area and explained that they visited Associate Engineer Chris Privitera at the GCID office to further research the ditch and subject property. Mr. Ornbaun also stated that, after reading the District Rules & Regulations pamphlet, he recognized that he should inform the District of the

division of lands. In response to the notice of division of lands, he asked if the District could provide a written response back to the parties involved in the land division, informing them of the next steps forward that should be taken, including the recommendation to obtain an easement agreement for the private ditch if that is the suggested path forward.

The Board and Counsel asked that Mr. and Mrs. Ornbaun submit their notice of division of lands, and staff and Counsel will work together to provide a response letter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Authorize Payment of Claims

Director Dennis moved to approve the payment of claims #24 14174 through #24 14236, in the amount of Five Hundred Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$508,687.18) and approve the March 7, 2024, meeting minutes. 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 Jeremy Richardson reported that the Maintenance Department has cleaned Hunter Creek 2, completed the 48-1 Lateral Modernization, resumed the 32-2a flume/check replacement project, installed tail boxes on the Main Canal turnouts, repaired drainpipe under Lateral 16-4, mowed and sprayed on the Main Canal and laterals, replaced the Lateral 45-1/Lyons Road culvert, and began flood damage repairs. He also reported that he attended the GCID Employee Appreciation Lunch.

Water Department

Water Operations Superintendent Henderson reported that the Water Department is participating in Wolven training on their tablets, delivering early water, moving to an 8 days on-6 days off schedule at the end of the month, performing repairs on Willard Check, and planning to install Pump #10 at the Pump Station if conditions permit this week.

Mr. Henderson also reported that there was an issue with a Water User removing a gate and taking water without applying for water first and did not notify staff that he planned to take the water. The Board agreed that staff should send a letter to the water user reminding them of the policy/rules surrounding the taking of unauthorized water and/or removing locks from gates. Staff was directed to move forward with the steps to notify the water user of their first offense. Any offenses following this will result in a significant fine.

Engineering

Associate Engineer Privitera reported that the Engineering Department has been assisting with the 32-2a lateral improvement project, participating in the GIS update coordination efforts with Chico State, updating District inventory to align with the WOLVEN measurement system, assisting with the creation of maps for field use and have selected two summer Engineering interns to join the team.

Treasurer's Report

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

INFORMATION REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Director Dennis and Director Vann both reported that they participated in several meetings during a Washington D.C. trip with other Sacramento River Settlement Contractor managers and Board members.

Director Bransford reported that he has participated in Bridge Group meetings regarding the action plan for Salmon, mainly hatchery fish.

President Amaro reported that he will be participating in the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting tomorrow.

Manager's Report

None.

Communication's Update

CV Strategies' Courtney Hamilton and Tara Mulally joined the meeting to provide a quarterly report on activities to date including social media analytics, website updates and newsletter preparation efforts. Director Bransford would like to see more focus on external activities as well.

Attorney's Report

None.

Other Business

None.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:15 a.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Existing Litigation, and Public Employee Appointments.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code sec. 54956.9: Two Potential Cases

- 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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Representatives: John Amaro, Pete Knight, Bob Murray & Associates
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:53 p.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.

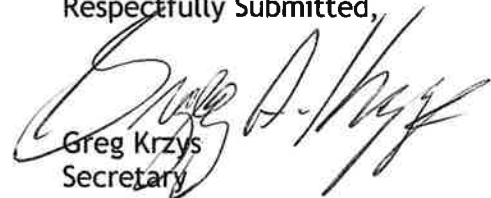
President Amaro reported that the Board met in Closed Session, pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54957.6, during which the Board gave direction to counsel and the District's representatives.

Consider and Discuss Approval of General Manager Employment Agreement

This item was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.

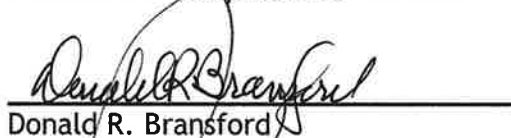
The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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