



Dan Woolery,
President, Division 3

James Rickert,
Vice President, Division 5

Ronnean Lund,
Director, Division 1

Audie Butcher,
Director, Division 2

Steve McCarley,
Director, Division 4

Daniel Ruiz
General Manager

BOARD MEETING

Final Minutes

September 12, 2024, 6:00 pm

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

1. **Call To Order** at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Flag Salute** led by Director Butcher

Directors Present- Woolery, Lund, Butcher, and McCarley

Directors Absent- Rickert

Staff Present- Ruiz, Duncan, White, Miller

3. Public Participation

Time set aside for members of the public that wish to address the Board regarding matters of the District within the jurisdiction of the Board. Individuals are requested to limit comments to a maximum of three minutes.

4. Consent Items

- a. Minutes – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 8, 2024
- b. Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through August 31, 2024
- c. Payroll: Approve the Payroll Check Register for August 2024
- d. Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) & Automated Clearing House (ACH) – Approve transactions for the Payroll Periods August 15, 2024, and August 31, 2024
- e. Voided and missing checks for August 2024
- f. Cash Disbursement Journal for August 2024

A motion was made by Director McCarley and seconded by Director Butcher to approve Consent Items. Vote 4-0.

5. New Business Items

- a. Review and Discuss Projected Year End Operating Summary
- b. Review and Discuss Off-Season Maintenance & Capital Improvement Projects
 - a. Spring Gulch Flume to 2nd St. (Sole Source, Time & Materials)
 - b. Jim Dandy to Locust (Potential Bid Process)
 - c. Panorama (Sole Source, Time & Materials)

Public Comment-

Ivar Amen- Many customers have ditches parallel to the canal, which will be something we have to work together on minimizing impacts. In addition, mature tree removal may take out customer fences. The District and customers need to work together to move fences before the Capital Improvement Projects proceed.

Buddy Johns-Easements, 100 feet on each side, is that the main ditch or all the ditches? Weeds on the ditches are unreal and cause leaking. Why weren't those trees that were burnt several years ago eradicated? Landowners need to know where they can put their fences.

Discussion among Board regarding direction given to ACID staff for the off-season maintenance & Capital Improvement projects. The consensus was to allow between \$1.5-2.5 million for the project. It was noted that a special meeting would be necessary in the next couple weeks to allow time to get more accurate numbers, to consult with contractors on the economy of scale, and to check in with Dustin (legal counsel) regarding the Sole Source contracts for the project.

- c. Notice of Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act for Off-Season Maintenance & Capital Improvement Projects
 - i. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Potential Comments to Notice of Exemption
 - ii. Consider Approval of Notice of Exemption

Discussion among the Board to table the Notice of Exemption until a special meeting takes place.

6. Management Reports

- a. General Manager's Report
- b. Operations Manager's Report
 - i. 2024 Irrigation Operation Shutdown Discussion

Ben Duncan reported that a potential shutdown date for irrigation would be October 16, 2024, and the dam would be taken out on Monday, October 21, 2024, the Board agreed.

The Board moved into Closed session at 7:38 p.m.

7. Closed Session

- a. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT AND/OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)** Title: General Manager Evaluation

8. Other Business

- a. Consider Potential Salary and Benefit Changes: General Manager

The Board returned from Closed session into Open Session at 8:31 p.m., and reported the following:
Per our employment contract with Dan Ruiz the Board increased his salary by \$5,000 per year starting October 1, 2024.

9. Adjourn at 8:35 p.m


Dan Woolery, Board President