

Dan Woolery,
President, Division 3

James Rickert,
Vice President, Division 5

Ronnean Lund,
Director, Division 1

Audie Butcher,
Director, Division 2

Ivar Amen,
Director, Division 4

Daniel Ruiz
General Manager

BOARD MEETING

Final Minutes

December 12, 2024, 6:00 pm

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

1. Call To Order at 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Woolery, Lund, Butcher, and Amen (newly sworn in)

Directors Absent: Rickert

Staff Present: Ruiz, Duncan, White, Miller

2. Flag Salute was led by Director Butcher

Director Lund made a motion to move Business Item 5.a. up, to administer the oath of office to Ivar Amen, and it was seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 3-0.

Dan Ruiz administered the oath of office to Ivar Amen for his 4-year term.

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 Meeting on November 14, 2024
- b. Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through November 30, 2024
- c. Payroll: Approve the Payroll Check Register for the Month of October and November 2024
- d. Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) & Automated Clearing House (ACH) – Approve transactions for the Payroll Periods November 15, and November 27, 2024
- e. Voided and/or missing checks through November 30, 2024
- f. Cash Disbursement Journal through November 30, 2024

Director Lund made a motion to pull Consent items, 4.a., and 4.f. down to Business Items, and it was seconded by Director Amen. Vote 4-0.

Director Lund made a motion to approve Consent Items, 4.b, c, d, and e, and it was seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 4-0.

5. Business Items

Moved down from Consent Items (4.a., and 4.f.)

4.a. Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 14, 2024.

A motion was made by Director Lund, and seconded by Director Butcher, to change the wording of the Business Item 5.c. to read as follows, "Discussion among the Board and staff regarding the specifics of studying existing wells, the technical abilities needed, and if this is a good use of District funds." Vote 4-0.

4.f. Cash Disbursement Journal

Director Lund made a motion to approve the Cash Disbursement Journal, and it was seconded by Director Amen. Vote 4-0.

- a. Administer Oath of Office to Directors (moved up to Item 2, under Flag Salute)
- b. Election of Board Officers & Committees (tabled until January 2025 meeting)

A motion was made by Director Butcher and seconded by Director Amen to table Item 5.b. until the January 2025 meeting so Director Rickert can be present. Vote 4-0.

- c. Review and Approve 2025 Budget- Dan Ruiz

A motion was made to approve the 2025 Budget by Director Lund and seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 4-0.

- d. Review and Approve 2025 Water Application

A motion was made to approve the 2025 Water Application by Director Butcher and seconded by Director Lund. Vote 4-0.

- e. Proposed Drought Protection Program (Informational Item Only – No Action Will be Taken)- Dan Ruiz

Public Comment

Steve Mello- Even at 80 feet down there is still a lot of water in the lake. Does the deal include any more water storage? If we just had 16% more storage, we would be good to go, and it would not be an issue.

Mike Berry- How can ACID help the fisheries? The \$12 million, is that triggered by the drought? What is going to keep them from changing their mind from the 50%, to say 18% water in the program years?

- a. Background on Project Need and Status of Environmental Review
- b. Schedule for Additional Board Discussions and Timing of Potential Execution of Drought Protection Program Contract

Director Butcher made a motion to approve the Special Meeting for next Thursday, December 19, 2024, for the Drought Protection Program workshop, and it was seconded by Director Lund. Vote 4-0.

6. Management Reports

- a. General Manager Report-Dan Ruiz
- b. Operations Manager Report- Ben Duncan-PowerPoint presentation

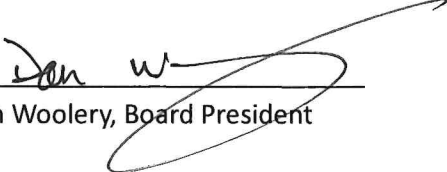
The Board moved into closed session at 7:42 p.m.

7. Closed Session

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

The Board returned from closed session at 8:29 p.m., and reported no action taken.

8. Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.



Dan Woolery, Board President