



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

February 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

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

Directors Present- Woolery, Rickert, Lund, Butcher, Amen

Staff Present- Ruiz, Duncan, White, Miller, and Dustin Cooper (legal counsel)

2. Flag Salute was led by Director Rickert

3. Public Participation

Time set aside for members of the public who wish to address the Board regarding matters of the District within the jurisdiction of the Board that do not appear on the agenda. Individuals are requested to limit comments to a maximum of three minutes.

Tammy Weisberg- Reiterated that none of the issues have been resolved on her property located on Tranquil Lane in Anderson. She said it has been 7 years since she has been asking and nothing has been done yet. She wants to know what is going on, and why other people's problems are getting fixed, but not her issues.

Joanna Brown- She wanted to thank the staff for doing a good job. In addition, she would like to bring up the issue of neighbors over-irrigating and was wondering what could be done about that.

Buddy Johns- Wanted to know how ACID will compensate him and his neighbors due to the fact that last year they did not receive their irrigation in a timely manner.

4. Consent Items

- a. Minutes – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 12, 2024, and January 09, 2025
- b. Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through December 31, 2024, and Year-to-Date through January 31, 2025
- c. Payroll: Approve the Payroll Check Register for December 2024 and January 2025
- d. Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) & Automated Clearing House (ACH) – Approve transactions for the Payroll Periods December 13, 2024, December 31, 2024, January 15, 2025, and January 31, 2025
- e. Voided and/or missing checks for December 2024 and January 2025
- f. Cash Disbursement Journal for December 2024 and January 2025

Director Lund made a motion to pull Consent Items, 4.a, and 4.f., down to Business Items, and it was seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

Director Butcher made a motion to approve the Consent Items, 4.b,c,d,e, and seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

5. Business Items

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

4.a. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 12, 2024

Director Lund made a motion to change the wording on page 2 of the December 12, 2024, minutes to omit, "as presented," and to approve the January 9, 2025, minutes, and seconded by Director Amen. Vote 5-0.

4.f. Cash Disbursement Journal

Director Lund made a motion to approve the Cash Disbursement Journals for December 2024, and January 2025, and seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

- a. Review and Approve Draft Agreement Regarding Mutual Indemnity for Drought Protection Program Agreement and Related Approvals under the California Environmental Quality Act

GM Ruiz gave a brief overview of the agreement: Regarding the Drought Protection Program Agreement (DPPA), GCID is the leading agency for CEQA, and ACID is a responsible party. Part of the compliance process of CEQA is abiding by the mitigations, and reporting measures. GCID is requesting each individual contractor, signing onto the DPPA, also sign an indemnity agreement with GCID. This agreement is meant to avoid GCID paying for CEQA lawsuits from individual contractors not abiding by the mitigation and reporting measures.

The agreement which was negotiated by our legal counsel (Dustin Cooper) is a mutual agreement between both GCID and ACID to avoid potential harm by either party not abiding by the mitigation measures.

Dustin Cooper commented that this is a reasonable request that comes at an odd time. It should have been handled last year before we started down the Environmental Impact Report path.

Director Rickert made a motion to approve (5.a) The Draft Agreement Regarding Mutual Indemnity for Drought Protection Agreement and Related Approvals under the California Environmental Quality Act and seconded by Director Lund. Vote 5-0.

- b. Review and Approve Letter of Intent from San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority for Potential 2025 Water Transfer and Provide Direction to General Manager to Pursue a Water Transfer Agreement

Public Comment

Joanna Brown- Why would we continue to deplete our groundwater, when our groundwater resources are so vulnerable? Do we need the money, do we have to sell it?

Buddy Johns- Is anybody monitoring the ground water, and how often?

Tammy Weisberg- Everybody down the river wants the water, but to what end?

Mike Berry- He mentioned that we need a voice of support. If we have a year when we have 135% of water in the ground, and somebody wants to buy 10% of it, then it makes sense to sell the 10%. If we have the right checks and balances in place, then this is something that he thinks we should pursue.

Discussion/comments from the Board

Director Butcher commented that ACID would not be around today if we didn't transfer the water back in 2014. The Clear Creek siphon was about to collapse at any time, and we received \$3 million to keep the District afloat.

Director Rickert commented that we need to be financially responsible as a District so we can fix things. We have a senior water right with a good amount of water but have a very outdated canal system with terrible infrastructure. We need to make the best financial decisions today, and this is just opening up that conversation.

Director Amen made a motion to approve 5.b. and it was seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 5-0.

- c. Review Investment Proposals from RBC Wealth Management and Tri Counties Bank and Approve a Preferable Investment Strategy for Drought Protection Program Agreement Funding

GM Ruiz presented the proposals to the Board and emphasized that protecting our assets is more important than finding the highest yield. With RBC, they are offering a 3-month Treasury Bill with a 4.136% yield. With Tri Counties Bank they can only offer a public funds Money Market with a yield of 3.85%, highly liquid but a lower yield than RBC. They are both relatively safe investments for ACID

Director Amen made a motion to approve 5.c., to go with RBC, and it was seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

- d. Review and Approve Draft 2025 A.C.I.D. Board of Directors & Staff Roster

Dustin Cooper discussed the difference between ad hoc and standing committees. Standing committees are subject to the Brown Act noticing requirements, ad hoc committees are not. In general terms standing committees are more significant in scope, and duration, as opposed to ad hoc committees which are more limited in scope, and duration.

Public Comment

Tammy Weisberg- She is all in favor of better communication

Mike Berry- It was mentioned that the sub-committee reports should be agendized so that the Board and the public know what is going on. He thinks that is a good recommendation.

Joanna Brown- She thinks it is great, complete transparency

Director Rickert made a motion to approve the Draft 2025 A.C.I.D. Board of Directors, and Staff Roster with the changes below, and seconded by Director Lund. Vote 5-0.

- Remove Director Lund from the Strategic Committee, and add Director Butcher
- Add Director Amen to the EAGSA Committee, with Director Lund as the alternate
- Add Director Amen to the Personnel Committee
- Change the Strategic Planning Committee to a standing Committee
- Start putting Committee reports on the agenda

6. Management Reports

- a. General Manager Report (Dan Ruiz)
 - i. SRSC Inc. Activities and Drought Protection Program Update
- b. Operations Manager Report (Ben Duncan presented a PowerPoint)
 - i. North Hill St. Discharge Evaluation

Public Comment

Tammy Weisberg- Asked Ben at what date did you hear about all these problems?

The Board moved into closed session at 8:07 p.m.

7. Closed Session

- a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(a))**
 - i. **Aqualliance et al. v. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District et al, Sacramento Co. Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000015**

- ii. **State Water Contractors v. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District et al., Sacramento Co. Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000018**
- iii. **Westlands Water District v. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District et al., Sacramento Co. Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000017**
- iv. **United States of American v. 4.04 Acres of Land, Pacific Gas & Electric, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District, Case No. 2:23-cv-1232**

The Board returned from closed session at 8:50 p.m., and reported no action taken.

8. Adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Dan Woolery, Board President