

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

December 13, 2023

The Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Board of Directors' regular meeting was held on December 13, 2023 at the District Office.

President Craig Fulwyler called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

District Officers Present: Craig Fulwyler, President
Geordy Wise, Vice-President
David Bloemhof III, Director
Randy Bloemhof, Director
Benjamin Wilson, Director
Kris Lawrence, General Manager-Secretary
Sarah Pitts, Office Manager-Treasurer

District Staff Present: Bryan Rosales, Operations Manager
Sam Madrid, Hydrographer

District Officer Absent: None

Visitors present: Alan Doud – Young Wooldridge
Tim Holtermann – Holtermann Farms
John Gaugel – Wonderful
Stan Wilson – Amandulo Ranch LLC

Public Comment Period:

None

Approve Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Benjamin Wilson and passed to approve the items on the consent agenda as follows:

Agenda of December 13th, 2023

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held November 8th, 2023

Motion passed as voted: AYES: Craig Fulwyler, Geordy Wise, David Bloemhof III,
Randy Bloemhof, Benjamin Wilson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Public Hearings/Action Items:

Director Benjamin Wilson exited the meeting at 9:02 am.

Public Hearing was held on the Necessity to Acquire Property by Eminent Domain, Kern County APN 072-210-37 and 072-160-11. The public hearing was opened at 9:03 am. No comments were received from the public. The public hearing was closed at 9:08 am.

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Randy Bloemhof and passed to approve Resolution 23-11 Authorizing an Action in Eminent Domain to Acquire Fee Simple Interests in real Property For Irrigation District Purposes.

Motion passed as voted: AYES: Craig Fulwyler, Geordy Wise, David Bloemhof III,
Randy Bloemhof,
NOES: None
ABSENT: Benjamin Wilson
ABSTAIN: None

Director Benjamin Wilson reentered the meeting at 9:24 am.

Financial and Management Reports:

The Office Manager-Treasurer presented the Budget Report and Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2023 for the Board to review.

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Randy Bloemhof and passed to accept and file the November 30, 2023 Budget Report, Treasurer's Report and the December 13, 2023 Claims for Approval.

Motion passed as voted: AYES: Craig Fulwyler, Geordy Wise, David Bloemhof III,
Randy Bloemhof, Benjamin Wilson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Operation's Report:

Bryan Rosales, Operations Manager, provided an update on District Construction Projects and Maintenance Operations.

Sam Madrid, Hydrographer, provided an update on Water Operations.

Manager's Report:

Kris Lawrence, General Manager, provided an update on Water Supply, Friant Water Authority, SGMA and Quarterly COLA.

Director's Report:

Director Craig Fulwyler – Friant Water Authority
Director Benjamin Wilson – Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority & Kern Water Collaborative

Closed Session:

President Craig Fulwyler called the meeting in to closed session at 10:18 a.m. regarding:

Potential Litigation (4 Matters) – Government Code Section 54956.9

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: Exchange Agreement

Agency Negotiator: Kris Lawrence

Negotiating Parties: San Luis Water District

Under Negotiation: Terms and Conditions

Existing Litigation (Govt. Code Sub Section 54956.9(d))

City of Fresno, et al v. USA, Cort of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L

Friant Water Supply Protection Association v. Del Puerto Water District et al. Stanislaus Co. Sup. Court Case No CV-20-005164

Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957

Meeting returned to Open Session at 11:04 a.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors, It was moved by Director Benjamin Wilson, seconded by Director Geordy Wise and approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am.

CRAIG FULWYLER
President

KRIS LAWRENCE
Board Secretary