

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

January 10, 2024

The Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Board of Directors' regular meeting was held on January 10, 2024, at the District Office.

President Craig Fulwyler called the meeting to order at 9:00 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
Kenneth Kirschenmann – Kirschenmann Bros
Tim Holtermann – Holtermann Farms
John Gaugel – Wonderful

Public Comment Period:

None

Approve Consent Agenda:

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

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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:

It was moved by Director Randy Bloemhof, seconded by Director Geordy Wise and passed to approve 2024 SWID Budget.

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

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Benjamin Wilson and passed to approve Voluntary Contributions to Various Agencies.

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

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director David Bloemhof III and passed to approve Resolution 24-01 Adopting an Assessment Rate on Property Within the District.

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

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Benjamin Wilson and passed to approve Resolution 24-02 Establishing Water Rates.

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

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Benjamin Wilson and passed to approve 2024 MA-2 Budget pending Reported Supply True-up.

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

It was moved by Director Benjamin Wilson, seconded by Director Geordy Wise and passed to approve Resolution 24-03 Adopting an Assessment Rate on Property Within the District.

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

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Randy Bloemhof and passed to approve Proposals from GEI Consultants:

- 01-2024 – General Engineering Services & As-Needed SGMA Support
- 02-2024 – IRWM Prop 1 Round 1 Grant Administration
- 03-2024 – Conveyance Improvements for Farmers Cooperative recharge
- 04-2024 – Kimberlina VFDs
- 05-2024 – NRCS Quantification of Groundwater Recharge and Design Criteria for On-Farm Subsurface Recharge
- 06-2024 – Southeast recharge Facility and Conveyance Improvements
- 07-2024 – Conveyance Improvements for Kimberlina Recharge
- 08-2024 – FEMA Recharge Facility
- 09-2024 – Dresser Recharge Facility
- 10-2024 – Poplar Recharge Facility

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

Item for Review and Possible Action on Bid for Loan to Purchase Property Within the District was tabled until needed.

It was moved by Director Randy Bloemhof, seconded by Director Geordy Wise and passed to approve First Amendment to Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows in Lower San Joaquin River.

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

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Benjamin Wilson and passed to approve General Manager attending Water User’s Conference in Reno, Nevada.

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

Financial and Management Reports:

The Office Manager-Treasurer presented the Budget Report and Treasurer’s Report for December 31, 2023, for the Board to review.

It was moved by Director Randy Bloemhof, seconded by Director Geordy Wise and passed to accept and file the December 31, 2023, Budget Report, Treasurer’s Report and the January 10, 2024, 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, and SGMA.

Director’s Report:

Director Benjamin Wilson – Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority

Closed Session:

President Craig Fulwyler called the meeting in to closed session at 10:16 a.m. regarding:

Potential Litigation (3 Matters) – Government Code Section 54956.9

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 10:58 a.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors the meeting was adjourned.

CRAIG FULWYLER
President

KRIS LAWRENCE
Board Secretary