

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

February 14, 2024

The Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Board of Directors' regular meeting was held on February 14, 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
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: Randy Bloemhof, Director

Visitors present: Alan Doud – Young Wooldridge
Tim Holtermann – Holtermann Farms
John Gaugel – Wonderful Orchards
Travis Millwee – Pacific Resources
Geoff VanderHeuvel – Milk Producers Council

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 February 14, 2024

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held January 10, 2024

Minutes of Special Board Meeting held January 23, 2024

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Randy Bloemhof

ABSTAIN: None

Public Hearings/Action Items:

It was moved by Director Benjamin Wilson, seconded by Director Geordy Wise and passed to approve Third Party Reimbursement Agreement with California High Speed Rail Authority.

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

It was moved by Director Benjamin Wilson, seconded by Director Geordy Wise and passed to approve Task Order for Kern Subbasin DMS 2023 Budge Overrun.

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

Financial and Management Reports:

The Office Manager-Treasurer presented the Budget Report and Treasurer’s Report for January 31, 2024, for the Board to review.

It was moved by Director Geordy Wise, seconded by Director Benjamin Wilson and passed to accept and file the January 31, 2024, Budget Report, Treasurer’s Report and the February 14, 2024, Claims for Approval.

Motion passed as voted: AYES: Craig Fulwyler, Geordy Wise, David Bloemhof III, Benjamin Wilson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Randy Bloemhof
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 9:54 a.m. regarding:

Potential Litigation (3 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

Director Geordy Wise left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: Purchase of Water

Agency Negotiator: Kris Lawrence

Negotiating Parties: Pacific Resources

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

Meeting returned to Open Session at 10:41 a.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors it was moved by Benjamin Wilson, seconded by Director David Bloemhof the meeting was adjourned.

CRAIG FULWYLER

President

KRIS LAWRENCE

Board Secretary