

**RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
**12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location:  
455 W Fir Ave  
Clovis, CA 93611

*In accordance with the September 16, 2021, Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which adds to the Brown Act relaxed teleconference rules similar to those in effect under the Governor's Executive Order (N- 29-20).*

1. *Internet:* [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
2. *Phone:* 1-559-512-2821  
*Meeting conference ID# 181 457 652#*

*If you experience any difficulty connecting to the meeting, please call the District Office (559-449-2700). EMAIL: You may submit comments on a specific Agenda Item via email to [Isales@ppeng.com](mailto:Isales@ppeng.com). Please send your email at least one hour prior to the start of the meeting.*

*Requests for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in this meeting should be made to the District Office (559-449-2700) in advance of the meeting to ensure the availability of the requested service or accommodation.*

All to Order 12:07pm

Directors Present: Gere Gunlund  
Gagan Batth – called in  
Don Cameron  
Jonathon DeGroot  
John Verwey

Other Attendees: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard  
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard  
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard  
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard  
Mike Cuttone,  
Matt Hurley  
Jeane Harguindequy  
Lori Daniele  
Greg Berg  
Matt Abercrombie  
Alfredo Martinez  
Rodger Lehman  
Jerry Rai

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (*Gunlund*)  
We will take items out of order to accommodate the audit report.

**2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES (Hopkins)**

Attendees announced.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Gunlund)**

The first fifteen minutes of this portion of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Board of Directors. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

Jeanne Harguindiquy – she attended the Westlands Water District. She said they announced the ability to store excess water at semitropic in Kern County. She is hoping MAGSA can move their project along.

**4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Gunlund)**

Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §87105]

No conflicts noted.

**5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Gunlund)**

A. In accordance with Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, the Board shall elect a President and a Vice-President, and appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, and Assessor-Collector. (Action Item)

Mr. Hopkins reported that although we didn't have an election, it is time to proceed with the election of officers

Director Cameron made a motion to for the current slate of officers to remain in their respective positions. The motion was seconded by Director DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. MINUTES (Hopkins)**

A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:

i. November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes; Director DeGroot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. FINANCIAL (Besecker)**

A. Discussion / possible action to approve the financial report and District bills.

Mr. Besecker presented the bills to be paid.

Director DeGroot made a motion to pay the bills presented. Director Verwey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Besecker also presented the budget report to date. The Investment report states the District has the funds to meet their obligations.

B. Discussion / possible action to receive the 2021-2022 audit report

Mr. Cuttone presented the audit performed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The report provides a comparison summary of the previous fiscal year. There were no questions.

Director Cameron made a motion to accept the audit report. The motion was seconded by Director DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

A. The Board of Directors will hear reports and possible action from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:

i. Fresno ID Committee (*Cameron/DeGroot*)

Randy spoke with him briefly at ACWA. But he suggested the ad hoc committee meet first to discuss a proposal to present to Fresno ID.

ii. Grantland/Stinson (*Gunlund/Verwey*)

Will attempt to schedule another meeting. Director DeGroot suggested finding out the board members of the Grantland/Stinson.

## **9. McMULLIN EXPANSION PROJECT (*Hopkins/Hurley*)**

A. Report on the status of the project.

NRCS provided comments. They had some requirements not common in this area, but the NRCS requirements are being incorporated into the plans. The goal is to get the project out to bid in August. The NEPA document is in progress, and has been sent to NRCS headquarters for review.. It is anticipated the project will take 12 months to build. Lease agreements are still pending. This is the first 12 miles. There will be 60 more miles to go.

## **10. MAGSA ACTIVITIES (*Cameron/DeGroot/Hurley/Hopkins*)**

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported that the Vision 2023 presentation is next week. It will have presentations but also be open to questions from the public. MAGSA made a lot of progress in 2022. MAGSA is giving a tour of the water bank area today with more towards the end of the month. Subscription agreements are being prepared..

TetraTech will have cultural resources specialists in the area to do the field reviews required by USBR for the federal environmental review document. It is 1,000 linear miles to review, then the environmental review will be out for the 30-day public review.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE (*Hopkins*)**

A. Correspondence since the previous Board of Directors meeting may be presented.

Mr. Hopkins reported that he received a request from the Ag Water committee that meets at ACWA. They requested a \$200 annual membership from the board. Mr. Hopkins will put on the agenda in the future.

## **12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING (*Hopkins*)**

A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for February 21, 2023.

No conflicts noted. Director DeGroot recommended a workshop prior to the meeting to cover annexation and water supply.

## **13. UPCOMING EVENTS (*Hopkins*)**

A. USBR – Mid Pacific Users’ Conference – January 25-27, 2023 in Reno, NV

B. Family Farm Alliance is February 23-24, 2023 in Reno, NV.

C. ACWA Spring 2023 – May 9 – 11, 2023 in Monterey, CA

D. ACWA Fall 2023 – November 28 – 30 in Indian Wells, CA

## **14. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm

In addition to the District office location, the following location will be used for this meeting to access via teleconference.

5434 W Kamm; Caruthers Ca 93609