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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS  
OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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THE JOINT WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT BUTTE WATER DISTRICT'S BOARDROOM, LOCATED AT 735 VIRGINIA STREET, GRIDLEY.

*Director Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Sean Earley, and Mitch Renfree. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Manager Phillips moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Manager Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2024 Water Season –**

- a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations**—*An update was given on current Lake Oroville operations. Due to recent river releases, storage has reached 52% capacity in Lake Oroville. Manager Renfree was instructed to set up a call with DWR to determine why the Lake has become so depleted and to see what progress has been made toward a solution regarding the aquatic vegetation issue.*
- b. Update on 2024 Allotted Water Season** – *An update was given on the current 2024 water season.*
- c. Update on 2024 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects**—*An update was given on the projects scheduled for completion. Manager Renfree presented that he had spoken to Keith Anderson and was given a quote of \$22,000-\$25,000 for a ditch cleaning from the Loonies Weir down to the Holmes Weir, which is roughly*

*2.75 miles. The Board instructed Manager Renfree to determine if Keith would charge by hour, mile, or day.*

- B. Ignition Approval**—The board discussed the approval of Ignition for next year’s budget. Manager Stinnett motioned to approve. Manager Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board approved Ignition to be incorporated into the 2025 budget.
  
- C. SGMA Groundwater Management**—Manager Earley updated the Board on the recent SGMA meeting he attended. He reported that they were listening to hear what the TNC was doing and that it would be best to hire a consultant to deal with the third-party aspect of the group. SGMA continues to utilize information from other districts to better serve the Butte Sub-Basin. Manager Phillips had nothing new to report from the Sutter Sub-Basin

**MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER’S REPORT:**

- A. Manager Stinnett motioned to approve the September 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Manager Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
  
- B. Manager Phillips motioned to approve the financial reports for October 8, 2024, and to pay the bills for October in the amount of \$20,941.82. Manager Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:**

*No report.*

**DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:**

*No report.*

**MANAGERS’ REPORTS:**

*Manager Earley reported that Richvale Irrigation District will be changing its monthly Board Meetings. Beginning in November, the meeting will be on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.*

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (CLOSED SESSION) – EXISTING LITIGATION, Bay Delta Proceedings, including the proposed Delta Conveyance Project and amendments to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Government Code § 54956.9, subdivision (a) and (d)(1).**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54656.9(d)(1).) AquAlliance et al. v. Biggs-West Gridley Water District et al. Butte Co. Superior Court, Case No. 22CV00347. Government Code § 54956.9, subdivision (a) and (d)(1).**

*The Board moved into closed session at 10:58 a.m.*

*The Board returned to open session at 11:53 p.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

*Upon reconvening into open session, Director Meyer noted that no action had been taken, but direction had been given to legal counsel.*

**MEETING AGENDA:**

*The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024. The agenda will include monthly recurring items.*

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:** *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.*

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Walt Meyer, President

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Mitch Renfree, Manager