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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Director Nevis with the following Directors present: Dominic Nevis. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Mark Orme, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson and Sean Earley. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Nevis moved to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Manager Earley and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Nomination and Election of JWDB President** – Manager Orme motioned to elect Director Meyer JWDB President for 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Nevis. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Nomination and Election of JWDB Vice President** – Manager Earley motioned to elect Director Nevis JWDB Vice President for 2024. The motion was seconded by Manager Stinnett. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. 2023 Water Season** –
 - a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations** – An update was given on current Lake Oroville operations.
 - b. Update on 2023 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects** – An update was given on the projects scheduled for completion.
 - c. Winter water shut-off date.** The board unanimously agreed that winter water will be shut-off Monday January 22nd at 8:00 a.m.

- D. **Consider Agreement and Contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group** – Manger Earley motioned to approve the agreement and contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, conditioned on Biggs West Gridley’s future consideration and approval of its participation. The motion was seconded by Director Nevis. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. **SGMA Groundwater Management** – No Action.
- F. **Consider approving 2024 Budget.** – Manager Phillips motioned to approve the 2024 Budget, as proposed and presented. The motion was seconded by Manager Orme. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER’S REPORT:

- A. Director Nevis motioned to approve the December 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Manager Orme and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Director Nevis motioned to approve the financial reports of January 8, 2024 and to pay the bills numbered 6755 through 6763 and 6768 through 6774 in the amount of \$36,061.81. Manager Orme seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No report.

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

No report.

MANAGERS’ REPORTS:

No report.

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).

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Each District Manager and its General Counsel of record regarding the terms and conditions of a potential 2024 water transfer with potential downstream buyers, including members of the State Water Project Contractors and Central Valley Project Contractors. *Government Code § 54956.8*

The Board moved into closed session at 10:54 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:50 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Upon reconvening into open session Director Nevis noted that no action was taken, but direction was given to legal counsel and real property negotiators.

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024. Monthly reoccurring items will be placed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: Being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Walt Meyer, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager