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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
JANUARY 14, 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.

Director Yank called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the following Directors present: Carl Yank. 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 Stinnett moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Yank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2024 Water Season –

- a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations**—*Manager Renfree gave an update regarding Lake levels. Over the last month, the Lake has gone from 55% capacity to 71%.*
- b. Update on 2025 Non-Allotted Water Season**—*Manager Renfree asked each District Manager when they would like to have winter water shut off. It was determined that Sutter and Butte will shut off on January 21st, and Richvale and Biggs will shut off on January 27th.*
- c. Update on 2025 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects**—*The Board requested that Manager Renfree attempt to find a second bid for cleaning and fixing the B-Joint. Manager Renfree also gave an update on his plans to meet with each District Manager over the next few weeks to prepare for seasonal Joint Work. It was verbalized that he would also like to spend some time with the employees of each district and take a day to ride along with them to learn more about the overall infrastructure.*

- B. Nomination and Election of JWDB President** – This item has been Tabled until next month’s Board meeting.
- C. Nomination and Election of JWDB Vice President** – This item has been Tabled until next month’s Board meeting.
- D. Budget Set Aside – Financial Assurance Mechanism Vance Avenue Pit #1** – *Manager Renfree submitted Resolution 2025-01 approving set-aside for the Vance Avenue Pit #1 mine in the amount of \$54,734.00. Director Yank motioned to approve Resolution 2025-01. Manager Earley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- E. Budget Set Aside – Financial Assurance Mechanism Vance Avenue Pit #2** – *Manager Renfree submitted Resolution 2025-01 approving set-aside for the Vance Avenue Pit #2 mine in the amount of \$5,571.00. Manager Stinnett motioned to approve Resolution 2025-01. Manager Robinson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*
- F. Joint Manager Request for Increase in Maintenance Funding**—*Manager Renfree presented the request for increased maintenance funding. The Board discussed and considered it. They decided to table the item until next month’s board meeting to allow for consideration by the full board.*
- G. Consider approving the 2025 Budget** - *Manager Renfree presented the 2025 Proposed Budget. After introducing and discussing the item, the Board requested that Manager Renfree make the advised changes and re-present the budget, as revised, at next month’s meeting before any action would be taken.*
- H. SGMA Groundwater Management**— *Manager Earley reporting on activities in the Butte Subbasin, including upcoming meetings with DWR and the Butte Advisory Board. Manager Phillips provided an update on Sutter Subbasin.*

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER’S REPORT:

- A.** *Director Yank motioned to approve the December 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Manager Stinnett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- B.** *Manager Stinnett motioned to approve the financial reports for January 2025 and to pay the bills for January in the amount of \$27,804.33. Director Yank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

Manager Renfree reported that he would be starting NCWA's - Norcal Water Leaders program on January 22nd.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No Update

MANAGERS' REPORTS:

Manager Renfree told the board that he would begin attaching bills exceeding \$5,000.00 to the financials at each meeting. Manager Robinson suggested that Manager Renfree also include a breakdown of the credit card statements at each meeting, which will also begin next month.

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 11:16 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025. The agenda will include monthly recurring items, including the items that were tabled at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.*

Walt Meyer, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager