MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MID-VALLEY WATER DISTRICT 455 W FIR AVE CLOVIS, CA 93611

March 17, 2025 3:00 pm

<u>Attendees</u>

Present: Ariel Namvar (On Line)

Fara Raban (On line)

Jasbir Sidhu Varinder Nijjar

Absent: Farokh Saadat

Also in Attendance:

Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard

Matt Abercrombie Jerry Radinoff Sebastion Silveria

Director Namvar called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

None

2. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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]

None

3. MINUTES

The Board will be asked to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2024 Special meeting. (Possible Action)

Director Raban made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Sidhu seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously by those present.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, and Assessor-Collector (Possible Action)

Randy explained that the board has to meet once a year, but meetings are called as needed. We will probably have to meet in July for the Benefit Assessment.

President – Jasbir Sidhu Vice President – Ariel Namvar Secretary – Varinder Nijjar Treasurer – Assessor-Collector – Rick Besecker

Director Namvar made a motion to accept the slate of officers, Director Nijjar seconded the motion. and it was passed unanimously by those present.

5. MCMULLIN AREA GSA REPRESENTATIVE

The Board will appoint their representative and alternate to the McMullin Area GSA Board of Directors for the 2025-2027 term. (Action Item)

Both Directors Namvar and Nijjar wish to be the MAGSA representative.

Director Namvar gave some background on the activities of the MAGSA and some of the legal issues the district is dealing with. He expressed his support for Matt Hurley and the work MAGSA has been doing.

Director Nijjar asked if the board decides on how the representative votes or if the representative decides on their own.

The discussion was held that MVWD should meet more frequently to discuss what is happening with MAGSA.

Mr. Hopkins will discuss with Mr. Hurley whether how much information alternate board members for MAGSA can be made aware of.

This item was tabled and will be continued at the next meeting.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board will hear reports and be asked to ratify warrants. (Possible Action)

Mr. Besecker presented the Treasurer's Report. He explained that the BofA account charges service fees, and no interest is accrued. West America offers an alternative, but it requires a lot of personal information from each board member and, in the past, has been deemed too intrusive, making the charges for BofA more agreeable.

Mr. Hopkins explained ACWA and what the charges are for – the membership is required for our insurance.

The county collects the tax, and we pay a minimal fee for them to collect.

Director Namvar made a motion to ratify the bills paid and pay the current bills; Director Nijjar seconded the motion. and it was passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Besecker presented the budget.

Director Namvar made a motion to approve the budget, Director Sindhu seconded the motion. and it was passed unanimously by those present.

7. ANNEXATION

The Board will hear a report regarding the status of the White Area annexation.

Mr. Hopkins explained that the white area is proposed to be annexed into Raisin City. Matt Abercrombie currently represents the White area as the Fresno County rep on MAGSA. The feeling was that at some time in the future, the County rep could be less farmer-friendly, so the desire was to annex the white area into the Raisin City SOI.

The annexation should appear on the LAFCo May board meeting agenda. Mr. Abercrombie thanked the board for their support in the effort.

We will add this to the next meeting to make it an action item.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The Board will discuss scheduling the next board meeting (Possible Action) Nothing to report
- b. Manager's report Nothing to report

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:16 pm.

APPROVED:

Randy Hopkins, Secretary