

**WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Ross LaRue, Director
Gary Nevill, Director

Mike Hildreth, Director
Devin Gordon, Director

Absent: None

Others Present: Jared Walker - GM, Liz Patton - Office Manager, Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary,
Attorney - Colin Pearce, Public - Chris

Director Devin Nevill called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call was taken.

Closed Session

The board adjourned into closed session at 6:33pm.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Information received; direction given.

The board returned to open-session at 7:28pm.

Minutes

Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Gordon, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Financial Statement

Director Gordon made a motion, seconded by Director LaRue, to approve the financials for March 2023. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Forum

- None.

Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that the Form 700 were due at the beginning of this month for 2023.
- ii. Annual State Water Inspections have begun that have not taken place since COVID-19
 1. Willow & Hopland will take place this upcoming Monday
 2. Due to the high turnover at the state level there are four new inspectors for the six water districts
- iii. GM, Walker also reports that the Bella Vista Project will be going in front of the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing for anyone that would like to attend.

b. Office Manager

- i. None.

Old Business

a. Report on PG&E Potter Valley Project

- i. GM, Walker reported that there were a couple of updates in regards to the PVP
 - 1. Received word from PG&E that they were planning to leave the spill gates open at Lake Pillsbury for the foreseeable future due to a seismic study that had been conducted on Scott Dam
 - 2. PG&E is transitioning to a Liability Reduction Company
 - 3. This will cause drought type of releases in the Summer/Fall months and greater releases in the Spring/Winter months
- ii. PG&E is looking to have the entire PVP and Scott Dam decommissioned
- iii. Russian River Water Forum (RRWF), is a new group being formed to work towards a Water Sharing Project if the current PVP is decommissioned

b. Report on Water Districts Service Contracts

- i. GM, Walker reported that there are a couple on going projects
 - 1. Lots of maintenance taking place within the districts
 - 2. Annual State Inspections to be completed over the next few months

c. Update on Drought and Water Conservation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that Lake Mendocino is the highest it's been all of this year at over 99,000 acre feet.
- ii. Russian River Watershed curtailments have been lifted.
- iii. Gov. Newsom has eased drought restrictions in all of California; but all 58 counties would remain in a state of emergency to assist with funding and response mechanisms.

d. Report on JPA and Consolidation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that most of the updates were given from Beth Salomone about the new Russian River Water Forum being formed
- ii. Attorneys legal group have received direction from staff regarding consolidation efforts
 - 1. There are currently no more meetings scheduled at this time aside from the monthly Ad Hoc meetings that will continue to take place

New Business

a. Consideration of opening a Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Account

- i. Direction was given to staff.

Adjourn

Director Gordon made a motion, seconded by Director LaRue, to adjourn. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____

ATTEST _____
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____