

**RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

Meeting Date:  
Wednesday, December 13, 2023  
**10:00 AM**

Meeting Location:  
455 W Fir Ave  
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund  
Don Cameron  
John Verwey  
Jonathon DeGroot

Directors Absent Gagan Batth

Other Attendees: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard  
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard  
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard  
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard

Ken Alles  
Jerry Radinoff  
Manny Amorelli  
Pat Ricchiuti  
Gerald Kinnanen  
Jerry Rai  
Marjorie Bookout  
Matt Abercrombie  
Lori Daniele  
Bradley Abercrombie  
Gurjant Gill

Director Gunlund called to order at 10:01 am

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Gunlund)**

No changes

## **2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES** (*Hopkins*)

Mr. Hopkins identified those present.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Gunlund*)

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(s). 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 noted.

## **4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** (*Gunlund*)

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 noted.

## **5. MINUTES** (*Hopkins*)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:
  - i. September 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes; Director Verwey seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously by those present.

## **6. FINANCIAL** (*Besecker*)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve the financial report and District bills.

Mr. Besecker presented the treasurer's report.

- B. Discussion / possible action to approve the 2022/23 Audit.

The Auditor wasn't available to make his report. He will report in January.

## **7. ANNEXATION** (*DeGroot/Gunlund/Hopkins/Kinsey*)

- A. Report on status of annexation process

Mr. Hopkins reported that annexation has been the primary focus of work since the September meeting. There was a goal of collecting \$100,000 in voluntary assessments from the annexation proponents. As of December 12<sup>th</sup>, the District has collected approximately \$130,000. P&P will start on the Municipal Service Review (MSR) and work with LAFCO. Director Cameron requested a schedule of what needs to be done with a timeline. Mr. Hopkins indicated it should take 4-6 months from today to complete, and this is assuming we don't need to go to an election. An election would be triggered if more than 25% of the affected land or residents in that area protested the annexation.

Mr. Hopkins will schedule a meeting with LAFCO, with invitations to the Ad-Hoc committee and interested annexation proponents.

## **8. AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

- A. The Board of Directors will hear reports from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:
  - i. Fresno ID Committee (*Cameron/DeGroot*)

Mr. Hopkins noted there is no update.

Mr. Hopkins noted he spoke with Manny Amorelli from James ID at ACWA, and will schedule a meeting with Directors DeGroot and Gunlund to meet with James ID.

**9. McMULLIN EXPANSION PROJECT** *(Hopkins/Hurley)*

A. Report on the status of the project.

Ms. Mueller reported on the status of the project. The project will bid as three separate projects. The first two will be earthwork, and the final will be the structures. The bid packages have been submitted to NRCS and P&P is awaiting comments. MAGSA is in the process of talking with growers to obtain easements. The Project's watershed plan needs to be completed and submitted to NRCS.

**10. MAGSA ACTIVITIES** *(Cameron/DeGroot/Hurley/Hopkins)*

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Director DeGroot said the expansion project was discussed. There was another grant available for well flow meters through MAGSA. The metering policy was updated to include telemetry readings from the meters. Director DeGroot recommended that anyone with questions should reach out to MAGSA, or he would be happy to answer any questions. In January there is a State of the GSA meeting.

Director Gunlund said several owners had asked him about de minimis pumping and if they would have to add meters to their domestic well. Mr. Hopkins indicated it is in the SGMA law that de minimis pumping is two acre-feet or less per year for domestic use only. That would exempt an owner from metering.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE** *(Hopkins)*

A. Correspondence since the previous Board of Directors meeting may be presented.

Mr. Hopkins reported that at ACWA, the San Joaquin Valley Collation reported on their activities. They do a lot of work in Sacramento on behalf of the valley water interests. He noted that the District has contributed in the past. He will add an item to the agenda about renewing our membership, when they send the next invoice.

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** *(Hopkins)*

A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for January 16, 2024.

Director DeGroot requested we schedule a goal-setting workshop for that day prior to the board meeting. The board was in agreement. We'll schedule a workshop at 11:30.

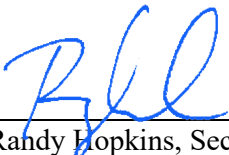
**13. UPCOMING EVENTS** *(Hopkins)*

- A. ACWA Spring 2024 – May 7 -9, 2024 in Sacramento, CA
- MAGSA 2024 Vision Event – Jan 25 from 11:30-12:30
- Mid-Pacific Water Users' Conference – January 24-26, 2024 in Reno, NV
- Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference – February 22-23, 2024 in Reno, NV

**14. ADJOURNMENT** *(Gunlund)*

The meeting adjourned at 10:35.

APPROVED:

  
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Randy Hopkins, Secretary