

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

Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
**1:30 PM**

Meeting Location:  
455 W Fir Ave  
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Don Cameron  
John Verwey  
Jonathon DeGroot

Directors Absent Gere Gunlund  
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  
Tom Chaney  
Martin Scheidt  
Matt Hurley  
Martin Briz.

Director De Groot called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm

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

No changes

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

The attendees were introduced.

**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.

Manny from JID expressed appreciation for the work done with the District. He wanted to inform the group that they plan to protest the annexation due to the proximity to their facilities.

**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. December 13, 2023, Special Board Meeting

Director Verwey made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting, Director Cameron seconded the motion and 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 financial report. Director Cameron made a motion to approve the financial report. Director Verwey seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by those present.

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

Mr. Cuttone was unable to attend. The audit will be moved to the next meeting.

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

- A. Report on status of the annexation process

Ms. Moeller said the next step is for the district to hold a public hearing to initiate the annexation process with LAFCO. This will allow for it to be presented to LAFCO for their May board meeting with the protest vote occurring after the board meeting allowing it to present the tax roll to the County in July in time for the next tax bills.

**8. AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

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

No report

## **McMULLIN EXPANSION PROJECT** *(Hopkins/Hurley)*

### **A.** Report on the status of the project.

Ms. Moeller reported that the project has been broken into 3 parts.

1. Earthwork half up to Jameson
2. Earthwork from Jameson to end (NCRS funding)
3. Structures.

The hold up is with the NRCS review. We are hoping for a March date to take the project out to bid. The NRCS grant is the smallest of the grants. It does have an EQuip component to it.

## **9. MAGSA ACTIVITIES** *(Cameron/DeGroot/Hurley/Hopkins)*

### **A.** Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported he met with the USBR in Fresno County today, and they came back asking to have the location of every well where a new meter was going to be installed so they could have a cultural resource inspection. He is attempting to educate them that these are existing wells and have no potential for disturbing a cultural resource.

Aquaterra is moving along. There is still some environmental work to complete.

January 25<sup>th</sup> is the annual Vision event where MAGSA looks back at what's been accomplished and what is planned for the coming year.

Work has has been started on the 2025 GSP. There is some focus this time on interconnection. MAGSA has the greatest potential for puncturing the Corcoran Clay, resulting in subsidence. They have issued a temporary moratorium to prevent any drilling below the Corcoran Clay.

The basin is working on a well mitigation plan with a goal of having no wells run dry.

Director DeGroot asked Mr. Hurley what Raisin City should be doing this year. Mr. Hurley's response was to stay on plan. McMullin is seen as a leader in the SGMA field.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE** *(Hopkins)*

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

Mr. Hopkins said there was nothing to report.

## **11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** *(Hopkins)*

### **A.** Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for February 20, 2024.

The District will keep the currently scheduled February 20, 2024 board meeting date. The date may change depending on LAFCO schedule.

## **12. UPCOMING EVENTS** *(Hopkins)*

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

## **13. ADJOURNMENT** *(Gunlund)*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 PM.

APPROVED:



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Randy Hopkins, Secretary