

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 24, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 authorizing the District’s legislative body to make determinations to hold meetings by web and teleconference, and to make meetings accessible to the public electronically. Those present at the meeting were:

- Directors Present:        John Bennett, President  
                                 Michael Linneman, Vice-President  
                                 Steve Fausone, Secretary  
                                 Aaron Barcellos, Director  
                                 Beau Correia, Director
  
- Directors Absent:        None
  
- District Staff Present:   Ara Azhderian, General Manager
  
- Others Present:         Philip Williams, General Counsel  
                                 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority  
                                 Chris Linneman, Summers Engineering

**ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54952.3**

Pursuant to the Brown Act, President Bennett announced that Directors do not receive compensation or a stipend for simultaneous or serial order meetings of Panoche Water District, Panoche Drainage District, Panoche Financing Authority, and/or the Panoche Resource Conservation District.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**DETERMINATION: THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT DURING THE PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETING IN PERSON WOULD PRESENT IMMEDIATE RISK TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES**

General Manager Azhderian presented a draft Resolution determining that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees and to authorize continued virtual meetings of the Board through June 23, 2022. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Linneman, the Board adopted the Resolution as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

- Ayes:                        Bennett, Linneman, Barcellos, Correia
- Nays:                        None
- Abstain:                    None
- Absent:                     Fausone

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of the Board and presence of the District’s Officers were confirmed.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were reported.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with the Consent Calendar items, which included draft meeting minutes from the April 12, 2022, regular meeting of the Board, the April 26, 2022, special meeting of the Board; the District’s Conflict of Interest Code; the Treasurer’s Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2022; and the monthly financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2022. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Linneman, the Board accepted the Consent Calendar as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Barcellos, Correia
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Fausone

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES**

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with a memorandum summarizing responses to the District’s request for financial auditing proposals. He reported that fourteen agencies were solicited, six requested more information, three declined, and only one responded. Given the response, Azhderian recommended the Board authorize execution of a Service Agreement with Price Paige & Company to perform four audits for the District over the next three years. After consideration, on a motion by Director Linneman, seconded by Director Fausone, the Board authorized execution of the Service Agreement.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Fausone, Barcellos, Correia
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PUMPS AND MOTORS FOR THE PROPOSITION 84 SHORT-TERM STORAGE BASINS PROJECT**

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board a memo prepared by Summers Engineering summarizing the bids received and recommending award to Anderson Pump Company. He explained that the Invitation for Bids for the Proposition 84 funded Short Term Storage Basins project was split into two in recognition of the long lead time currently necessary to procure the needed pumps and motors and that the second IFB for the construction of the Basins was expected to be released in June. District Engineer, Chris Linneman, reviewed the recommendation with the Board noting Anderson’s greater expertise with pumps of this size and known competency in administering grant funded awards. After

consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Linneman, the Board awarded the pumps and motors contract to Anderson Pump Company.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Fausone, Barcellos, Correia
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with the District’s accounts payable. After consideration, on a motion by Director Linneman, seconded by Director Fausone, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Fausone, Barcellos, Correia
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

**PANOCHÉ WATER & DRAINAGE DISTRICTS’ JOINT CLOSED SESSION**

General Counsel Williams announced that the Panoche Water and Drainage Districts Boards would meet jointly in closed session for a conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision (d), Paragraphs (2) or (3).

*At approximately 9:19 a.m., President Bennett called the joint closed session to order.*

*At approximately 10:29 a.m., President Bennett adjourned the joint closed session.*

**JOINT CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

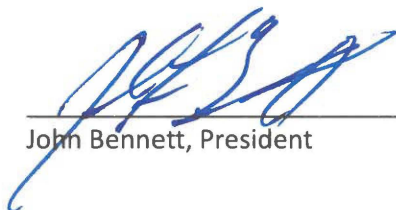
General Counsel Williams reported the Boards met jointly with legal counsel in closed session and took no reportable action.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



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John Bennett, President



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Michael Linneman, Acting Secretary