

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on December 10, 2024, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Aaron Barcellos, President
Beau Correia, Vice-President
Neill Callis, Director
Wayne Western, Director

Staff: Patrick McGowan, General Manager
Marlene Brazil, Accounting Supervisor
Juan Cadena, Water Resources Manager
Chris Carlucci, Maintenance Manager
Josh Marquez, Contracts Administrator
Sandra Reyes, Water Master

Others: Phil Williams, Legal Counselor
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority (GBA)

CALL TO ORDER

President Barcellos called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Barcellos led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE REVISED MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AND THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Callis and seconded by Vice-President Correia, the Board approved the revised minutes from the October 15, 2024, regular board meeting, and the November 12, 2024, regular board meeting minutes as presented. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Barcellos, Callis, Correia, Western

Nays: None

Absent: Fausone
Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 842-24 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GARNEY PACIFIC, INC TO CONSTRUCT PROPOSITION 84 GRANT-FUNDED SAN JOAQUIN RIVER IMPROVEMENT OD PUMP STATION & PIPELINE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

General Manager Patrick McGowan presented the board with a letter from Engineer Chris Linneman with Summers Engineering that was a recommendation of award for the OD Pump Station and Pipeline Project. Mr. Linneman stated that there were two bids received from qualified bidders on the project on December 3rd, 2024. The low bidder was Garney Construction located in Tracy, CA. The next step is to issue Garney Construction a Notice of Award and Contract for signature.

Upon a motion by Vice-President Correia and seconded by Director Western, the board adopted Resolution # 842-24 awarding the contract to Garney Pacific, Inc. for the OD pump station and pipeline project.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Barcellos, Callis, Correia, Western
Nays: None
Absent: Fausone
Abstain: None

BOARD TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR PANOCHE DRAINAGE DISTRICT'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

After discussion by the Board and upon a motion by Vice-President Correia and seconded by Director Western, the board approved Mr. Patrick McGowan as the first alternate and Mr. Neill Callis as the second alternate to the board of directors for the GBA.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Barcellos, Callis, Correia, Western
Nays: None
Absent: Fausone
Abstain: None

BOARD TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT TILE LINE POLICY

General Manager Patrick McGowan reported to the board that there were no new updates to the draft tile line policy. The district is currently waiting on the Grassland Basin Authority to pass their policy at their next board meeting and then we will finalize our policy and bring it to the Board for approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable**
- B. Monthly Financials**
- C. FYE 2025 Budget to Actual**
- D. Other financial matters**

Upon a motion by Vice-President Correia and seconded by Director Callis, the board approved the financial reports as presented by Accounting Supervisor Mrs. Brazil. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Barcellos, Callis, Correia, Western
Nays: None
Absent: Fausone
Abstain: None

REPORT ITEMS

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Manager Mr. Carlucci reported on the following operations and maintenance activities for the month of November:

- General Maintenance
- Staff finished cleaning Russell drain.
- Staff made repairs to Buick drain inlet pipe.
- Charleston Drainage District – Checking oilers on CH-2 pumps.
- Mr. Carlucci started working on the PDD chemical cost estimate for 2025/26 spray program.
- Mr. Carlucci also started working on the PDD winter project list. (locations & cost)

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Water Resources Manager Juan Cadena reported on the following drainage management activities for the month of November:

- Collecting water samples weekly and Site D has remained below target.
- A storm is expected at the end of December into January and 2.5 inches is expected.

GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

The General Manager of the Grassland Basin Authority (GBA) Mr. Pamer McCoy reported on the following:

- Mr. McCoy reported there will soon be two separate Prop 84 projects in progress simultaneously:
 - West Side Field Rebordering & Land Leveling Project / Anthony's Laser Leveling
 - OD Pump Station & Pipeline Project / Garney Construction
- The GBA continues the land leveling at the old ponds and are waiting on PG&E to make final electrical connections for the short-term basins.
- It was reported that the pistachio trees produced; however, they were unable to harvest them from the trees.
- There have been nine incidents at different pump stations and wells in recent months.

THE BOARD TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM STAFF ON VARIOUS MATTERS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT

Staff reported on various items that had been completed, or were ongoing, on the Action Items List presented - dated November 12th, 2024. Mr. McGowan reported that there were only five items remaining that are all in progress. Staff have been diligent in completing items from this list.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mr. McGowan reported on the following:

A. Prop 84 Grant

Mr. McGowan noted that Mr. Palmer McCoy had already reported on the Prop 84 items he would've addressed.

B. Annexation, Landowner Authorization Forms

Mr. McGowan noted that there are no new updates on annexation.

C. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority (SJVDA)

Mr. McGowan reported on the transition from the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA). Phase 1 is awaiting cost estimates on the management and accounting from the SLDMWA and Phase 2 will be making this move permanent.

D. Other

Mr. McGowan noted that staff has been working with Mr. McCoy to ensure a smooth transition process with the Grassland Basin Drainers. Mr. McGowan also noted that he will be member of the Nitrogen Management Committee.

REPORTS ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 (a)(3)

There were no other items.

PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel

At 11:07am, the Board met in Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel on related anticipated litigation.

At 11:15 am Mr. Williams stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

PANOCHÉ WATER AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS JOINT CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel

At 11:18 am, the Boards met in Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel on related anticipated litigation.

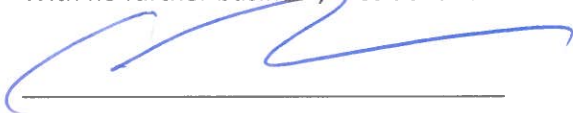
At 11:31 am, Mr. Williams stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

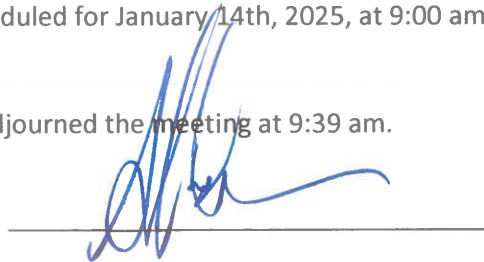
The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for January 14th, 2025, at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 9:39 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary