

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 20, 2024, at 9:01 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Aaron Barcellos, President
Michael Linneman, Vice President
Steve Fausone, Secretary (9:10AM)
Wayne Western, Director

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

Others: Neill Callis, Turlock Fruit
Palmer McCoy, GBA
Phil Williams, Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Barcellos called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Director Western and seconded by Director Linneman, the Board approved the January 9, 2024, regular board meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Barcellos, Linneman, Western

Nays: None

Absent: Correia, Fausone
Abstain: None

Director Steve Fausone arrived for the PDD Board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable**
- B. Monthly Financials**
- C. FYE 2024 Budget to Actual**
- D. Other financial matters**

Upon a motion by Director Linneman and seconded by Director Western, the board approved the financial report as presented by Accounting Supervisor Mrs. Brazil. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

THE BOARD TO REVIEW A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025, THAT WOULD BE SETTING THE DRAINAGE SERVICE FEE

The board discussed the proposed budget and made a few suggestions, such as moving to a new budgeting format.

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE A 5-YEAR REPAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2024, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$ 716,521.50, AS WELL AS ADOPT RESOLUTION #833-24 NEEDED FOR THIS ACTION

Upon a motion by Director Fausone and seconded by Director Linneman, the board approved the 5-year repayment agreement between Panoche Water District and Panoche Drainage District, as well as approved Resolution #833-24 authorizing the execution of the repayment agreement. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #831-24 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION ON THE GRASSLAND BASIN DRAINERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upon a motion by Director Fausone and seconded by Director Linneman, the board approved Resolution #831-24 authorizing the change in representation on the Grassland Basin Drainers Board of Directors. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #832-24 OPENING A NEW MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT FOR THE PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Upon a motion by Director Fausone and seconded by Director Western, the board approved Resolution #832-24 to open a new money market account for the Panoche Drainage District. The vote on the motion

was as follows:

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

REPORT ITEMS

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

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

- General Maintenance
- Weed control – No Activity
- In Charleston Drainage District - Checking oilers on CH-2 pumps
- San Luis Drain Weed Control – No Activity, but we did place squirrel bait stations to slow down erosion on the canal banks.
- On the San Luis Drain – No Activity, but we did replace some locks.

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Water Resources Manager Mr. Cadena reported on the following drainage management activities for the month of January:

- Site A had a discharge of 30 cfs
- Site B had a discharge of 46 cfs
- All Tile Sumps are off

GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

The General Manager of the Grassland Basin Authority Mr. McCoy reported on the following:

- Mr. Aaron Barcellos has stepped down as the Grassland Basin Authority president and Mr. McCoy thanked him for his leadership and efforts in helping the Grassland Basin Authority. Mr. McCoy also informed everyone that David Corey has assumed the role as the president and Wayne Western the role of vice-president for the Grassland Basin Authority.
- Growers are calling and wanting to turn on tile sumps, but the plan is to keep discharging through this week. The rain in the forecast has diminished and the plan would be on Tuesday to shut the gate and allow the tile sumps to begin discharging. Panoche Silver Creek went up to a flow of 800cfs on 2/19/24, but is back down to a flow of 100cfs this morning. Mud slough as well has gone from 260cfs to 220 – with the GBA receiving approximately 30 cfs. We are doing our best to get the tile sumps turned on as soon as we can.
- Mr. McCoy reported that he and David Corey had gone and met with Adam Nickels of the USBR to give a background of the Grassland Basin Authority and their various projects.

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 from the previous board meeting held on January 9, 2024.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mr. McGowan reported on the following:

A. Prop 84 Grant for Westside Regional Drainage Plan

- i. Tile Sump SCADA Project: The SCADA staff has participated in the training and the training and the system is currently operational. They will obtain log-ins and will have the access needed. Right now it is running remotely. Mr. McGowan reported that Chris Linneman with Summers Engineering is currently retrieving tile sump information and distributing accordingly.
- ii. Land Acquisition: Mr. McGowan has an update in closed session.
- iii. Land Development: Mr. McGowan has an update in closed session.
- iv. Other – Mr. Marquez informed the board that he and Chris Linneman drafted a letter that was sent out with a 120-day window to the State agencies that oversaw past funding regarding disposition guidelines for equipment purchased for the San Joaquin River Improvement Project. If no responses are received within this timeframe, we can then proceed in declaring equipment surplus. Mr. Marquez informed the board that he is awaiting costs from Bockman & Woody to add an additional 5 tile sumps to the SCADA project.

B. Annexation

- i. Mr. McGowan reported that Mr. Cadena has spoken with LAFCO regarding the first step needed in the annexation process and that being a formal Resolution. Upon ratification of the resolution Panoche will pay the fees associated with the annexation.

C. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority

Mr. McGowan reported that the SJVDA met, but did not have a quorum, so the budget has yet to be approved.

D. Other Matters:

Mr. McGowan informed the Board of Directors that he had other matters to discuss in closed session.

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

There were no other items.

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

At 1:19 pm, the Boards met in Closed Session to meet with legal counsel on related anticipated litigation.

At 1:20 pm, Mr. Williams stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:

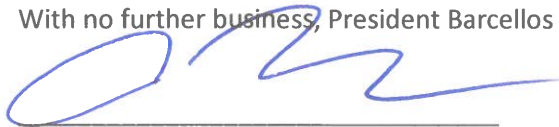
At 1:20 pm, the Board met in Closed Session regarding real property negotiations and conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation. At 1:30 pm, Mr. Williams stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

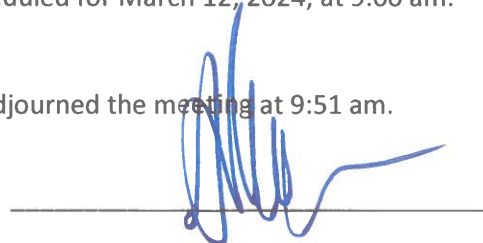
The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 9:51 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary