

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 23, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in accordance with Resolution 788-21 proclaiming a local emergency and authorizing remote teleconference Board meetings through December 12, 2021, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and to make the meetings accessible to the public electronically. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present: John Bennett, President
 Michael Linneman, Vice-President
 Mike Stearns, Secretary
 Steve Fausone, Director

Directors Absent: Ross Koda, Director

District Staff Present: Ara Azhderian, General Manager

Others Present: Philip Williams, General Counsel
 Diane Rathmann, Of Counsel
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
 Beau Correia, KB Family Farms
 Aaron Barcellos, A-Bar Ag Enterprises
 Will Gleason, West Hills Farming

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 regular meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

There were no conflicts reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

At approximately 9:04 a.m., President Bennett suspended the Drainage District meeting and continued the Water District-ONLY meeting.

At approximately 9:43 a.m., President Bennett suspended the Water District meeting and resumed the Drainage District-ONLY meeting.

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE 2021 GENERAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS TO SERVE ON THE DISTRICT'S BOARD

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board the draft resolution. He explained the results of the votes canvass performed by staff on November 16th was the election Mr. Aaron Barcellos to serve as Director for Division 2 and the election of Mr. Beau Correia to serve as Director for Division 4. Azhderian stated both positions would become effective at noon, December 3rd, 2021. After congratulating the newly elected Directors, on a motion by Director Linneman, seconded by Director Fausone, the Board adopted the resolution as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Stearns, Fausone
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Koda

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 explained the proposed resolution was identical to the one adopted by the Board at the last meeting except that it extended the proclaimed state of emergency and ability to for the Board and public to meet virtually until December 31, 2021. After consideration, on a motion by Director Linneman, seconded by Director Stearns, the Board adopted the resolution as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Stearns, Fausone
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Koda

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for December 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.



John Bennett, President



Mike Stearns, Secretary