

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on November 14, 2023, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Aaron Barcellos, President
Michael Linneman, Vice President
Steve Fausone, Secretary
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 (Via Telephone)
Palmer McCoy, GBA
Phil Williams, Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Barcellos called the meeting to order at 9 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 OCTOBER 10, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Director Western and seconded by Director Fausone, the Board approved the October 10, 2023, board meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

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

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION # 829-23 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION ON THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY (SJVDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

General Manager, Patrick McGowan, reported that Ara Azhderian was on the Board of Directors for SJVDA as a Director. The District would like to remove Ara and have Mr. McGowan represent the District as a Director, with Director Linneman continuing to serve as the Alternate.

Upon a motion by Director Western and seconded by Director Fausone, the board approved Resolution # 829-23 to authorize a change on the SJDVDA Board of Directors. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER AND RELEASE LIABILITY OF SAN JOAQUIN RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SJRIP) EQUIPMENT TO GRASSLANDS BASIN AUTHORITY (GBA) – LETTER TO GBA

General Manager, Patrick McGowan reported that he had met with Palmer McCoy of the GBA and Chris Linneman of Summers Engineering to address the list of equipment that was utilized for the SJRIP. Staff will be sending out a request for disposition of grant-funded equipment that, in accordance with regulations, will have a response period of 120 days. If no response is received, the equipment will be deemed surplus in accordance with the District’s policies and subsequently transferred over to the Grasslands Basin Authority for continued use on the SJRIP.

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

At 9:20 am, the Boards met in Closed Session to meet with legal counsel related anticipated litigation. Upon return to open session at approximately 9:35 am, President Barcellos stated that no reportable actions were taken.

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION # 830-23 APPROVING THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT (PDD) AND THE GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY (GBA)

Upon a motion by Director Western and seconded by Director Linneman, the board approved Resolution # 830-23 to approve the acknowledgement and release agreement between PDD and the GBA. 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 October:

- General Maintenance
- Made repairs to Hammond Drainpipe crossing Lateral 2
- Disked and dozed outside drain spoil piles
- Weed control – Sprayed Courtney and Buick Drains
- In Charleston Drainage District - Checking oilers on CH-2 pumps – Weed control sprayed CDD Drain – CH-2 North to Cotton Gin Road
- On the San Luis Drain – Placed STOP signs at 5 locations between Henry Miller Road to Hwy 165 – Weed control spot sprayed salt cedars and tuleys and put out squirrel bait at different locations through the drain

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Water Resources Manager Mr. Cadena reported that Site B was below target and a storm was predicted to be coming with a ¼” rainfall.

GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

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

- CCID had another break on their outside south bank canal where No. 14 is located. In talking with CCID, a siphon needs to be replaced when fixing the canal. CCID also noted that on the East side there is a second siphon that they would like to have replaced, as well. CCID had expressed that they are concerned that the aging of the siphon piping, as well as the pumping going on in our area may have contributed to the canal breakage.
- The weeds have been disked down.
- The electrical switchgears might come in as early as late December, as opposed to April.
- The GBA would like to be working on getting the Settlement Agreement distributed to the other entities of the GBA for them to be able to bring it before their boards.
- The GBA would also like to present a draft budget at their December meeting.

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 tower toppers are in the process of being installed today. We are working on the SCADA communication and should be operational very soon.
- ii. Land Acquisition: Panoche staff have ordered an appraisal for an 80 acre parcel the District may be interested in purchasing. The appraisal timeframe is 45 days, and we should have results by the beginning of December.
- iii. Land Development: Panoche staff have requested an estimate to return the property back to original condition. We are awaiting the contractor’s estimate.

B. Annexation

- i. Staff is in communication with Fresno County Lafco regarding the potential annexation of property. We are currently awaiting instructions on how to proceed.

C. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority

Mr. McGowan addressed the removal of Ara Azhderian as a Director on the SJVDA board and designating himself as the new Director on the Board.

D. Other Matters:

District Homes: Mr. Cadena has met with the renter of the District's Althea property to discuss the home being appraised and future sale.

House # 6 - The house is being rented out to one of our canalman and his family.

House # 1 – A contractor is assessing mitigation work to be completed. District canalman has expressed interest in leasing the home.

Prop 84: Contracts Administrator Mr. Marquez reported that he, Patrick, Chris Linneman, and Palmer had met with DWR and that they were very impressed with all of the work that has been done. DWR also explained that we could help speed up the process of reimbursement by being willing to pay an additional \$100 per invoice. We received \$2.3 million worth of invoices – payments for #13,14, and 15 - and currently have \$2.9 million outstanding.

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

There were no other items.

PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:

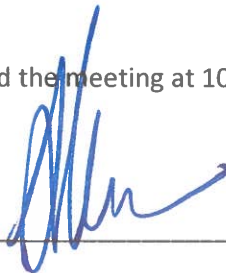
At 10:00 am, the Board met in closed session to have discussions with real property negotiators. Upon return to open session at approximately 10:18 am, President Barcellos stated that no reportable actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary