

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 11, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held in accordance with Resolution 818-22 proclaiming a local emergency and authorizing remote teleconference Board meetings through October 13, 2022, 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
 Steve Fausone, Secretary
 Aaron Barcellos, Director
 Beau Correia, Director

Directors Absent: None

District Staff Present: Ara Azhderian, General Manager
 Juan Cadena, Water Resources Manager
 Lorena Chagoya, Ethics & Compliance Officer
 Josh Marquez, Contracts Administrator

Others Present: Philip Williams, General Counsel
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

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 9:00 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with the Consent Calendar, which included a draft Resolution determining that during the proclaimed state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees; draft minutes from the August 09, 2022, regular meeting of the Board; and the monthly financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2022. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Correia, the Board accepted the Consent Calendar as presented.

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 AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BUDGET TO REPLACE THE SABATTE DRAIN PIPELINE CROSSING AT THE DELTA-MENDOTA CANAL AND TO ACCOUNT FOR UNBUDGETED EQUIPMENT USAGE

General Manager Azhderian presented a memorandum providing background on work being planned by the San Luis & Delta- Mendota Water Authority to replace the bridge across the Delta-Mendota Canal upon which the Sabatte Drain pipeline is hung. The Sabatte Drain pipeline is steel, at the end of its useful life, and has been an increasing source of repairs and maintenance costs, Azhderian said, and, as part of its work, the SLDMWA is offering to re-hang a new pipeline for the District, if the District is willing to purchase the pipe. He said the District would also be responsible for the installation of the pipe outside of the SLDMWA’s right-of-way, to connect it from the Sabatte Drain pump station on the south side of the DMC to the pipeline’s outlet on the north side. He explained the Sabatte Drain conveys subsurface drainage for the Charleston Drainage District, Pacheco Water District, and the Panoche Water District and that the initial estimated cost of the replacement is \$55,000. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Fausone, the Board authorized the increase to the Repair & Maintenance Budget to replace the Pipeline.

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. The Board requested staff analyze the potential cost savings of using generic herbicides. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Linneman, the Board 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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board the monthly FY2021-22 Budget-to-Actual Report. The Board requested staff examine the Water District’s Property Related Fees & Charges Delinquency Policy to clarify that it also protects the Drainage District.

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Grassland Basin Authority General Manager Palmer McCoy reported on activities at the San Joaquin River Improvement Project. General Manager Azhderian reported on Grassland Bypass Project related activities.

At approximately 9:45 a.m., President Bennett suspended the Drainage District meeting and proceeded with the Water District meeting.

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 11:30 a.m., President Bennett called the joint closed session to order.

At approximately 12:40 p.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.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

No report was given.

DIVISION REPORTS

No reports were given.

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

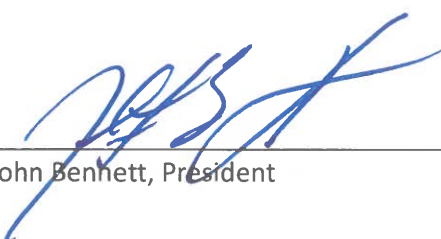
No reports were given.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

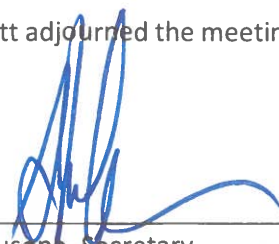
The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., November 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m..



John Bennett, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary

