

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 17, 2023**

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 17, 2023, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Aaron Barcellos, President  
Michael Linneman, Vice President  
Steve Fausone, Secretary  
Beau Correia, Director  
Wayne Western, Director

Staff: Marlene Brazil  
Chris Carlucci  
Lorena Chagoya  
Sandra Reyes

Others: Mitch Coit, Coit Farming  
Michael Gardner, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Phil Williams, Legal Counsel  
Palmer McCoy, GBA  
Neill Callis, Turlock Fruit

**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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Interim General Manager Hurley presented the Board with the Consent Calendar, which included DRAFT minutes from the April 18, 2023, regular meeting of the Board, and the monthly financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2023.

On a motion by Director Linneman and seconded by Director Fausone, the Board unanimously accepted the Consent Calendar as presented by Mr. Hurley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

Abstain: None

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Accounts Payable**
- B. Monthly Financials**
- C. FYE 2023 Budget to Actual**
- D. FYE 2024 Budget to Actual**

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

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

## **THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING A DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

After discussion, President Barcellos asked that staff bring this item back up for review and potential action at a future meeting.

## **DIVISION REPORTS**

- A. Maintenance Manager, Chris Carlucci reported on operations and maintenance activities. He said for the month of April, the maintenance crew did general maintenance including dozing and grading outside the drain (4 miles). He also stated that the crew disked the Davidson Drain on both sides, sprayed Althea drain, and Linneman drain and lift. Lastly, Carlucci reported on the maintenance activities on Charleston Drainage District including disking the upper bank of outside drain and on the San Luis Drain, the crew sprayed the drain from Russell Ave to Wolfson Rd (14 miles).

## **GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY**

Mr. McCoy stated that he would like to continue to work with Panoche staff on an equipment agreement for all the items that are currently at the GBA shop. There continues to be discrepancies on ownership between the GBA and Panoche on various pieces of machinery. He also reported that all PGE meters are now under the GBA, and they have started harvesting their first cutting of hay. Mr. McCoy also gave an update on the construction of the new ponds.

## **DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

In the absence of Mr. Cadena, there was no report.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. Prop 84 Grant for Westside Regional Drainage Plan:
  - i. Tile Sump SCADA Project;
  - ii. Land Acquisition;
  - iii. Stormwater Regulating Basins Expansion;
  - iv. Land Development;
  - v. Conveyance Optimization.

Mr. Hurley reported that he is working closely with staff and Chris Linneman of Summers Engineering on next steps for a variety of these projects. The land acquisition is focused on the Koda/Miles property.

- B. Annexation

Mr. Hurley is continuing to work on the scope of action items needed to formalize the process moving forward for the three willing landowners who would like to be annexed. All the proposed land is adjacent to the Northern boundary of the Drainage District.

**C. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority**

Panoche continues to be involved in the next steps the Authority is taking to comply with the Regional boards nitrate control program (Program). The Authority is discussing options to organize themselves with other non-ag dischargers in the basin to meet the regulations within the Program.

**D. Other Matters Affecting the District: None**

**CLOSED SESSION: At 9:43am**

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 9:55am**

Upon a motion by Director Linneman, seconded by Director Western and unanimously approved, the board requested that Legal Counsel draft an engagement letter for professional legal services based on his new law firm's name. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

President Barcellos stated that there were no other reportable actions.

**PANOCHÉ WATER & DRAINAGE DISTRICTS JOINT CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with Legal Counsel.

**REPORT FROM JOINT CLOSED SESSION (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1)**

President Barcellos stated that there were no reportable actions.

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

There were no other items.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

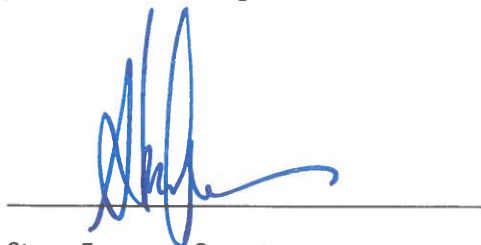
The next regular meeting date is June 13, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 9:57am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary

**PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 25, 2023**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 25, 2023, at 1 pm.

Those present at the meeting were:

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

Others:                    Chase Hurley, Interim General Manager  
                              Michael Linneman, Linneman Farms (via phone)  
                              Phil Williams, General Counsel (via phone)

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Barcellos called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Barcellos led the group 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.

**CLOSED SESSION @ 1:03pm**

- A. Conference regarding labor negotiations and recruitment (Government code 54950) Pursuant to Section 54957 (b)(1) – The board will confer regarding recruitment for the position of General Manager.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d), paragraph (2) or (3):  
Number of Cases: One

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION @ 1:58pm**

Upon a motion by Director Callis, seconded by Director Western and unanimously approved, the board requested that Legal Counsel draft an engagement letter for professional legal services based on his new law firm's name.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

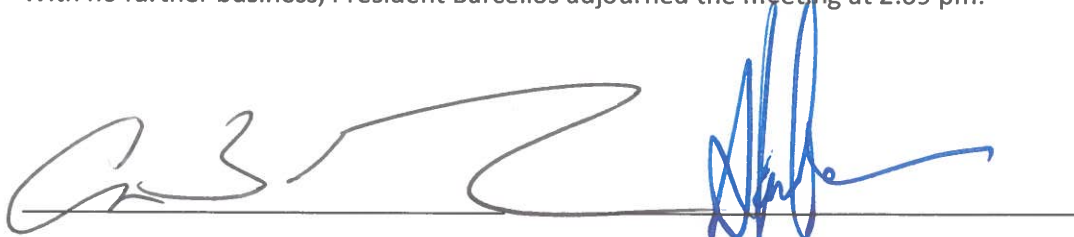
President Barcellos stated that there were no other actionable items in closed session and staff was given further direction.

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

Mr. Hurley reported that the District has made significant progress on the new chemical room and new fuel tank project at their shop headquarters. When completed they will allow Panoche to no longer rely on storing chemicals and diesel fuel on the San Joaquin River Improvement Project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 2:09 pm.



Aaron Barcellos, President

Steve Fausone, Secretary