

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 9, 2024, at 9:02 am. Those present at the meeting were:

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

Staff: Marlene, Brazil, Accounting Supervisor
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 9:02 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

General Manager Patrick McGowan asked to have Agenda Item 8 moved into Closed Session. Upon a motion by Director Western, and seconded by Director Correia, the board approved to move Agenda Item 8 into Closed Session. The vote on the motions was as follows:

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

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Director Linneman and seconded by Director Western, the Board approved the December 12, 2023, regular board meeting minutes. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE A 10-YEAR REPAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2024, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,433,043, AS WELL AS ADOPT THE RESOLUTION NEEDED FOR THIS ACTION

This was Agenda Item # 8 that was voted on and approved by the Board to move into Closed Session during the Public Comment period.

REPORT ITEMS

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

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

- General Maintenance
- PDD had GBA mow some drains – Sabatti, Buick, PDD outside, and Davidson.
- Weed control – No Activity
- In Charleston Drainage District - Checking oilers on CH-2 pumps
- San Luis Drain Weed Control – No Activity
- On the San Luis Drain – No Activity

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Maintenance Manager Mr. Carlucci reported on the following drainage management activities for the month of December for Water Resources Manager, Juan Cadena who was absent:

- No discharge of any Ag water into mud slough
- Site A had a discharge of 13 cfs
- All Tile Sumps are off

- Site D is below target
- Started discharging storm water on Wednesday

GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

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

- There were releases that started on Wednesday and are going to be shut off at noon today.
- McElvaney has completed the PD14 Siphon and is needing dry dirt to finish off the levies.
- The GBA is currently working on the budget.
- The GBA plans on holding their next board meeting on January 26th and will host a workshop prior to the start of the meeting to discuss different projects and the budget.

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 December 12, 2023.

At approximately 9:27 a.m., President Barcellos suspended the Drainage District meeting and called the Water District Board meeting to order.

At approximately 9:45 a.m., President Barcellos announced the Drainage District meeting would resume.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Mr. McGowan reported on the following:

A. Prop 84 Grant for Westside Regional Drainage Plan

- Tile Sump SCADA Project: The SCADA project work has been completed and all inspections have been done. Mr. McGowan, Mr. Cadena, and Mr. Candelaria are going to be trained by Sierra Controls to operate the SCADA system. The SCADA system has been housed in the server room.
- Land Acquisition: Mr. McGowan has update in closed session.
- Land Development: No additional information to report currently.
- Other – Mr. McGowan informed the board that he and GBA General Manager Mr. McCoy have worked together on the Prop 84 cost analysis for the next 24 months. The next 2 years should follow the same trend as the last 2 years with Mr. McCoy trying to stay under the \$ 4.2 million. Mr. McGowan also reported that the District has received payment for Invoices 16 and 17 and is awaiting payment for Invoices 18 and 19, which amounts to approximately \$2.7 million. We are expecting the payment to come in next month.

B. Annexation

- PDD is moving ahead with the process with the Municipal service Review through Fresno LAFCO. There is one property owner the District is still trying to meet with to discuss the process to come.

C. San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority

Mr. McGowan reported that the monthly SJVDA meeting was currently being held at the same time as our PDD meeting and he would be receiving a briefing to follow up.

D. Other Matters:

Mr. McGowan informed the Board of Directors that Bob Nunn from Sunset Exploration has been in contact inquiring if an additional meeting is needed to see if there is any interest in moving forward. Mr. McGowan informed the Board of Directors that he has spoken to Palmer McCoy with the GBA and Mr. Nunn with Sunset Exploration regarding Mr. Nunn being placed on GBA agenda.

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

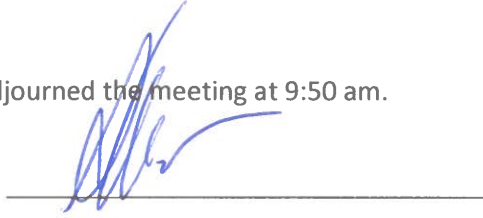
The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for February 20, 2024, at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary