EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150 South E Street
Exeter, California

July 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:30 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Bob Ward, and David Nielsen. Director(s) absent: Keith Cosart. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Office Manager Selena Rossman, and growers Craig Hornung and Milo Gordon.

PUBLIC COMMENT
President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments, none were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Kilgore announced Director Cosart attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting on June 27, 2024, and President Ferrara attended the South Valley Water Authority meeting on June 24, 2024.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
President Ferrara called to accept the Agenda, on motion by Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, the Board approved the Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
President Ferrara called for the approval of the June 20, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Nielsen, seconded by Director Ward and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Ms. Rossman presented June's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $263,538.50, collectively. Petty Cash expenses amounted to $15.95. Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, and carried, the Board approved June's expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants # 40795 - 40813 inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT
Ms. Rossman presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for June, noting receipts of $109,244.10. As of June 30th, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of $130,136.23 and $57,610.11, respectively. Both banking accounts amounted to $187,746.34, a decrease of $154,286.51 from the previous month's ending balances. Investments amounted to $3,159,417.64 for total District funds amounting to $3,347,163.98.

Following review and discussion, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, and carried, the Financial Reports were approved as presented and ordered to be placed on file, copies of which are included herewith as Exhibit "B." Ms. Rossman provided the Grower Delinquent Accounts summary showing delinquent balances for 2021, 2022, and 2023 amounted to $2,365.13, $4,640.22, and $7,772.51, respectively. Property liens have been filed on delinquent accounts. Mr. Kilgore reviewed the budget variances; the board had no concerns.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported the Bureau reduced the Class 1 allocation from 100% to 90%. The District delivered 2,663 acre-feet of Class 1 in June for irrigation demands and 48 acre-feet for grower recharge. In June, the District recorded zero rainfall. Annual precipitation recorded to date totaled 12.51 inches. As of July 11th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 3,819,272acre-feet, 407,950 acre-feet and 968,306 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported staff is coordinating with Kaweah Pump to address delivery capacity issues. The repair of the 3B line and 4F line are behind schedule, due to the delay of the shipment of couplings from Washington. Additional couplings were purchased for inventory to expedite future repairs.

2024 WATER RATE

Due to the reduction of Class 1 water supply, Mr. Kilgore suggested increasing the current rate of $249 to $280 per acre-foot. On motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, and carried, the Board approve the water rate increase to $280 per acre-foot.

2024 GROWER ALLOCATION

Based on the water supply reduction, on motion of Director Crosson, seconded by Director Nielsen, and unanimously carried, the Board revised the 2024 allocation from 1.05 to .92 acre-feet per acre.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Memorandum of Understanding between Friant Water Authority (FWA) and the Friant Contractors regarding the Drought Pilot Program that legal counsel is currently reviewing. FWA will be seeking approval from home boards, which will be presented for approval at the August FWA Board meeting. The five (5) pump stations needed to complete phase 1 of the middle reach correction project is currently being re-designed.

RECHARGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kilgore reported that there has been activity between legal counsels regarding the R4 Property lease agreement.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Hornung briefed the Board on EKGSA activities. Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the grant funding for the Yokohl Project, stating that the Greater Kaweah GSA was seeking to have the Department of Water Resources extend the completion date from May 2025 to a period in 2026.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore provided a brief overview of the June 24th meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:47 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 4:09 p.m.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

On motion by Director Nielsen and seconded by Director Crosson the Board approved Mr. Kilgore to increase a member of field staff hourly wage by $2.00 per hour.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager