EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

October 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 1:35 p.m. Directors present were Joe Ferrara, Greg Crosson, Keith Cosart, and David Nielsen. Director(s) absent: Bob Ward. Others Present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Tri- District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel and Growers Craig Hornung and Milo Gordon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ferrara opened the floor for public comments, Mr. Hornung thanked the Board for allowing his transfer request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS,

Mr. Kilgore reported Stanley Cosart passed away on September 18th and requested a moment of silence to honor Stan's life and his leadership of the District. Stan served 35 years on the Board, from 1984 – 2019, and was an integral part in providing direction to meeting grower's water delivery needs.

Mr. Kilgore also announced Director Cosart attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting on September 26, 2024, and Director Ferrara attended the East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisor Committee meetings held on September 13th and 27th.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

President Ferrara called for the acceptance of the Agenda. The Agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Ferrara called for the approval of the September 12, 2024, Board Meeting and September 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes. On motion by Director Crossen, seconded by Director Cosart and carried, the Minutes were approved as presented. Director Nielsen abstained; Director Ward was absent.

WARRANTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Mr. Kilgore presented September's Payroll and Accounts Payables, which amounted to $270,145.24 collectively. Petty cash expense was $55.13 for office supplies. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Cosart, and carried, the Board approved September's expenditures as presented and ordered payments of warrants #40883-40947 inclusive, and included herewith as Exhibit "A".

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore presented the Financial Statements and Reports prepared for September, noting deposits of $350,000 and receivables of $1,083,314.76. As of September 30th, the District had an active ending bank balances in the Bank of Sierra and Bank of America, of $1,350,032.56 and $105,089.52, respectively. Both banking accounts amounted to $1,455,122.08, an increase of $813,169.52 from the previous month's ending balances. Investments amounted to $2,945,173.03, a decrease of $264,593,85, which was transferred to Bank of Sierra. Total District funds amounted to $4,400,295.11. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Cosart, 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." Mr. Kilgore 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 current budget variances not previously reported.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 1,622 acre-feet of Class 1 in September for irrigation demands. Water deliveries to date totaled 14,705 acre-feet, leaving a balance of 2,789 acre-feet, of which the District is scheduled to transfer fifty-six (56) acre-feet to Lindmore Irrigation District. There was no recordable precipitation in September. As of October 10th, approximate reservoir conditions for Shasta, Millerton and San Luis were 2,717,257 acre-feet, 235,807 acre-feet and 1,053,166 acre-feet, respectively.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that Stone Corral Irrigation District on October 3, 2024, Special Board meeting voted to withdraw from the Tri-District Water Authority.

Staff completed the repair of the 3 Line leak just west Kaweah Ave.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported that Friant continues to work though the Drought Pool points of negotiations and discussions regarding river settlement review.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore and Mr. Hornung provided an update of the EKGSA activities and the submittal of the Groundwater Sustainable Plan for public review.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY

There were no reportable activities. Mr. Kilgore reported he would draft a formal withdraw letter from the South Valley Water Authority to occur on January 1, 2025.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:34p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 4:03 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager