

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
May 14, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Session at the hour of 9:01 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Tom Orvis, President
Brad DeBoer, Vice President
Linda Santos
Herman Doornenbal
Ed Tobias

Staff Present: Scot A. Moody, General Manager/Secretary
Sharon Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Thorburn, District Engineer/Water Operations Manager
Joe Kosakiewicz, Construction and Maintenance Manager
Kim Bukhari, Human Relations Manager

Also Present: Tim O'Laughlin, Water Counsel
Stefanie Morris, Water Counsel

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of Agenda Items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

President Orvis announced to the public that Mr. Tim O'Laughlin is acting General Counsel and introduced Attorney Stefanie Morris.

At the hour of 9:03 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Public comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT CALENDAR **ITEM NOS. 1-5**

1. Approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2024
2. Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations
3. Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations

4. Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Three Months Ending March 31, 2024
5. Approve the Purchase of One (1) 2025 Three Axle Water Truck from Interstate Truck Center

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 6-9

ITEM NO. 6

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR
DESIGNATION OF BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES**

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director DeBoer, to adopt a resolution for designation of bank account signatories.

At the hour of 9:08 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item 6; there was no public comment.

Public comment closed at 9:08 a.m. on Item 6 and the Board Meeting continued.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 7

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET
BY \$1,200,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH PG&E FOR A RENEWABLE ENERGY
GENERATING FACILITY AT THE NORTH SIDE REGULATING RESERVOIR**

A motion was made by Director Santos, and seconded by Director Tobias, to amend the 2024 Capital Budget by \$1,200,000 and authorize the General Manager to execute an Interconnection Agreement with PG&E for a renewable generating facility at the North Side Regulating Reservoir.

At the hour of 9:18 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item 7; there was no public comment.

Public comment closed at 9:18 a.m. on Item 7 and the Board Meeting continued.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

President Orvis read Item Nos. 8 and 9 and announced that they would be addressed after closed session.

ITEM NO. 8
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENT (COLA) TO THE GENERAL MANAGER (TO BE ADDRESSED AFTER
CLOSED SESSION)

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to the General Manager of 4% effective June 2, 2024.

At the hour of 11:29 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item 8; there was no public comment.

Public comment closed at 11:29 a.m. on Item 8 and the Board Meeting continued.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED EMPLOYEE
2024 UNREPRESENTED SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULES EFFECTIVE JUNE 2,
2024 (TO BE ADDRESSED AFTER CLOSED SESSION)

A motion was made by Director DeBoer, and seconded by Director Santos, to approve the revised employee 2024 Unrepresented Salary and Wage Schedules effective June 2, 2024.

At the hour of 11:30 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment on Item 9; there was no public comment.

Public comment closed at 11:30 a.m. on Item 9 and the Board Meeting continued.

Director DeBoer	Yes
Director Doornenbal	Yes
Director Orvis	Yes
Director Santos	Yes
Director Tobias	Yes

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NOS. 10-13

ITEM NO. 10
DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director DeBoer:

No comments were made by Director DeBoer.

Director Santos:

No comments were made by Director Santos.

Director Doornenbal:

No comments were made by Director Doornenbal.

Director Tobias:

Director Tobias commended the water delivery staff for a job well done, he's heard no complaints and thanked them for their work. Director Tobias also commended Sharon Cisneros for doing excellent work with handling the finances, and the construction staff for doing a great job.

Director Orvis:

Director Orvis highlighted the Farm Bureau meeting held on April 25, 2024, with guest Amberlee Snyder. He stated that the Farm Bureau, with multiple agencies, is hosting Senator Alvarado Gill with the pro-tem speaker of the California Senate at the end of this week. Director Orvis reported ACWA JPIA's 2023/2024 membership numbers and rate changes for the following programs: Liability, Property, Worker's Compensation, and Employee Benefits. Director Orvis highlighted meetings that he and Scot Moody, General Manager, attended while at the ACWA Conference.

ITEM NO. 11
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Tobias reported that the Tri-Dam Committee met; Summer Nicotero, General Manager of the Tri-Dam Project, came up with a plan for the building, incorporating comments from the

Directors, that we'll be able to see at the next meeting and will get another update regarding the ongoing negotiations.

Director DeBoer asked if the insurance was approved by the advisory committee, to which Director Tobias informed that it was not completed.

Director Doornenbal added that Tri-Dam is looking at pricing for two companies to put in cubicles and that the insurance item is still pending.

ITEM NO. 12
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES

General Manager, Scot Moody, updated the Board about the three surety bonds that the State is wanting to push this year: housing, environmental, and education. He mentioned the environmental bond is being pushed by ACWA, however, the Governor said he will not push it and that if ACWA wants it on the ballot they will have to push it through. ACWA wants the environmental bond because there will be money in it for SGMA infrastructure.

General Manager Moody reported Mike Ayers received a Safety Award from ACWA JPIA for quickly responding to a medical emergency of a fellow employee.

General Manager Moody proposed that we hold a ribbon cutting ceremony a year from now when the new Greger Facility is complete. He also noted that we are looking at purchasing a sign that says, "Future Home of Oakdale Irrigation District."

Director Orvis stated that two of Joe Kosakiewicz's supervisors went through supervisory training and are now graduates. Mr. Moody said they both spoke highly of the training and said they received tangible information they could put to good use.

General Manager Moody invited Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager/District Engineer, to give an update on the 30% Design for the Robert Van Lier (RVL) Regulating Reservoir Expansion by Davids Engineering. Mr. Thorburn shared that we have signed a work release with Davids Engineering and will likely start the project next week. Davids Engineering is working on getting subcontractors in place. Davids Engineering will be doing an analysis, site survey, examine environmental issues, and geo-type work.

Mr. Thorburn also stated that Tunnel 9, a high hazard in our system, needs improvements made at the downstream half of the tunnel because we have no access to that side. He said that by installing a ramp and making portal improvements we could have access readily available to us in the future. Mr. Thorburn would like to move forward with these improvements starting this winter.

General Manager Moody pointed out that we added the water use projections and actual numbers to date to the Board Packet and explained that we are projecting 212- to 213,000-acre feet of water use this year.

Kim Bukhari, Human Resources Manager, recognized Emily Sheldon for representing OID at Magnolia Elementary School's Ag Day. Ms. Bukhari shared that both she and Mr. Moody attended and watched Emily's presentation. She emphasized that Emily did a great job and that the kids enjoyed the Q&A at the end.

ITEM NO. 13
WATER COUNSEL REPORT

Water Counsel expressed that his report would be addressed in closed session.

At the hour of 9:50 a.m. President Orvis read the items to be discussed in closed session.

At the hour 9:52 a.m. the Board took a recess and convened to closed session at 10:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NOS. 14-16

14. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager
Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)

15. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)
Two (2) cases

16. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
One (1) case

At the hour of 11:28 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions. The Board went back to reconsider Items 8 and 9.

OTHER ACTION

At the hour of 11:31 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** Details can be obtained by calling (209) 847-0341.

The next Joint Board Meeting of the **South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts** serving the **Tri-Dam Project** and **Tri-Dam Authority** and other joint business matters is scheduled for **Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at the office of Oakdale Irrigation District, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Attest:



Scot A. Moody
General Manager/Secretary



Thomas D. Orvis, President
Board of Directors