

## **MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

Oakdale, California  
December 10, 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 9:00 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Tom Orvis, President  
Ed Tobias, Vice President  
Brad DeBoer  
Jacob DeBoer  
Herman Doornenbal

Absent: None

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

Also Present: Fred Silva, General Counsel  
Tim O'Laughlin, 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.

The Board welcomed public comments at 9:02 a.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:02 a.m. and the Board meeting continued.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **ITEM NO. 1**

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND CERTIFICATION OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
NO. 41 (ID 41) MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO AUTHORIZE OAKDALE IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT TO PROCEED WITH THE DESTRUCTION AND ABANDONMENT  
OF WELL NO. 2 AND TO USE THE FUNDS CONTAINED IN THE ID 41**

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR THE ACUTAL  
COST OF THE PROJECT**

Scot Moody, General Manager, gave the Board of Directors some background information on the Well No. 2 Abandonment Project in ID 41.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 1 at 9:05 a.m. There was one public comment from Mr. Walter Ogden.

With no further public comments on Item No. 1, President Orvis closed public comments at 9:10 a.m. and subsequently closed the voting.

Eric Thorburn, District Engineer/Water Operations Manager, stated that the ID 41 Membership voted to authorize Oakdale Irrigation District to proceed with the destruction and abandonment of Well No. 2 and to use the funds contained in the ID 41 Operations and Maintenance account to pay for the actual cost of the Project, with the following vote:

Ayes:	8 (by mail)
Unreturned Ballots:	30 (all non-votes are considered as a yes vote)
Noes:	2 (by mail)
Passed by a total vote of:	38-2

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to certify the ID 41 Membership vote to authorize Oakdale Irrigation District to proceed with the destruction and abandonment of Well No. 2 and to use the funds contained in the ID 41 Operations and Maintenance account to pay for the actual cost of the Project.

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias
	Noes – None
	Abstained – None
	Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 2-7**

2. Approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2024
3. Approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations
4. Approve OID Improvement Districts' Statement of Obligations
5. Approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Ten Months Ending October 31, 2024
6. Approve Adoption of Resolution Declaring November 5, 2024 Consolidated District's Election Results

7. Approve the Resolution Adopting the Oakdale Irrigation District's 2025 Investment Policy

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer, and seconded by Director J. DeBoer, to approve the above-noted Consent Item Nos. 2-7.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
                                      Noes – None  
                                      Abstained – None  
                                      Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**ITEM NOS. 8-19**

**ITEM NO. 8**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE NOMINATION AND**  
**ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director B. DeBoer, to nominate and elect Director Orvis as President of the Board.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Tobias  
                                      Noes – None  
                                      Abstained – Orvis  
                                      Absent – None

The motion passed by a 4/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 9**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE NOMINATION AND**  
**ELECTION OF A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to nominate and elect Director Tobias as Vice President of the Board.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis  
                                      Noes – None  
                                      Abstained – Tobias  
                                      Absent – None

The motion passed by a 4/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 10**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF**  
**SECRETARY AND TREASURER TO THE BOARD**

A motion was made by Director Orvis, and seconded by Director Tobias, to appoint General Manager Scot Moody as Secretary and Chief Financial Officer Sharon Cisneros as Treasurer to the Board.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
  Noes – None  
  Abstained – None  
  Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 11**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON THE**  
**ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW OFFICERS TO THE BOARD**

A motion was made by Director B. DeBoer, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to adopt the Resolution on the Election and Appointment of New Officers to the Board.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
  Noes – None  
  Abstained – None  
  Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 12**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT**  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR 2024**

Scot Moody (General Manager) and Kim Bukhari (Human Resources Manager) shared that nine (9) employees are being recognized with the District Perfect Attendance Awards for 2024.

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director J. DeBoer, to approve the District Perfect Attendance Awards for 2024.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 12 at 9:15 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:19 a.m. on Item No. 12 and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
  Noes – None  
  Abstained – None  
  Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 13**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT**  
**SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2024**

Scot Moody (General Manager) and Kim Bukhari (Human Resources Manager) shared that thirteen (13) employees are being recognized with the District Service Awards for 2024.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director Tobias, to approve the District Service Awards for 2024.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 13 at 9:21 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:22 a.m. on Item No. 13 and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
  Noes – None  
  Abstained – None  
  Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 14**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYEE**  
**2025 OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 3 (OE3) OFFICIAL SALARY AND**  
**WAGE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2025, 12:00 P.M.**

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Orvis, to approve the Employee 2025 OE3 Official Salary and Wage Schedule effective January 10, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 14 at 9:25 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:25 a.m. on Item No. 14 and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
  Noes – None  
  Abstained – None  
  Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 15**  
**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 NON-**  
**REPRESENTED EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE**  
**JANUARY 10, 2025, 12:00 P.M.**

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director B. DeBoer, to approve the 2025 Non-Represented Employee Salary and Wage Schedule effective January 10, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 15 at 9:30 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:30 a.m. on Item No. 15 and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
  Noes – None  
  Abstained – None  
  Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 16**  
**REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE REVISED NON-**  
**REPRESENTED MANAGER UNIT RESOLUTION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10,**  
**2025, 12:00 P.M.**

A motion was made by Director Tobias, and seconded by Director Doornenbal, to adopt the revised Non-Represented Manager Unit Resolution effective January 10, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 16 at 9:34 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:35 a.m. on Item No. 16 and the Board meeting continued.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes – B. DeBoer, J. DeBoer, Doornenbal, Orvis, Tobias  
  Noes – None  
  Abstained – None  
  Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM NO. 17**  
**REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE REVISED NON-**  
**REPRESENTED SUPERVISOR UNIT RESOLUTION EFFECTIVE JANUARY**  
**10, 2025, 12:00 P.M.**

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, and seconded by Director B. DeBoer, to adopt the revised Non-Represented Supervisor Unit Resolution effective January 10, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

The Board welcomed public comments on Item No. 17 at 9:37 a.m. There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 9:38 a.m. on Item No. 17 and the Board meeting continued.



Absent – None

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**  
**ITEM NO. 20**

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**DISCUSSION ON BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

President Orvis read the current list of committees and stated that the San Joaquin Tributary Authority is a dormant committee and can be removed. President Orvis requested that the Directors provide him with the committees they wish to serve on by January 10, 2025.

**PRESENTATION**  
**ITEM NO. 21**

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**2025 EAST SAN JOAQUIN SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY**  
**PLAN UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Eric Thorburn, District Engineer/Water Operations Manager, gave a presentation and update on the 2025 East San Joaquin Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

*10:40 a.m. – Director Tobias exited the boardroom.*

*10:42 a.m. – Director Tobias returned to the boardroom.*

*10:55 a.m. – Director B. DeBoer exited the boardroom.*

*10:57 a.m. – Director B. DeBoer returned to the boardroom.*

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ITEM NOS. 22-25**

**ITEM NO. 22**  
**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

**Director Tobias:**

Director Tobias congratulated Director Jacob DeBoer on his election to the Board.

**Director Doornenbal:**

Director Doornenbal congratulated Director Jacob DeBoer and thanked him for running and for his hard work with campaigning. He believes he will be a great fit for the District.

**Director B. DeBoer:**

Director B. DeBoer congratulated Director Jacob DeBoer and welcomed him aboard. Director B. DeBoer thanked Eric Thorburn (District Engineer/Water Operations Manager) and Scot Moody



(General Manager) for their work and involvement with SGMA. He concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Director J. DeBoer:**

Director J. DeBoer stated that he appreciates all the welcoming sentiments and that he is honored to be on the Board of Directors.

**Director Orvis:**

Director Orvis reported on several things that occurred at ACWA Conference:

- The Human Resources and Financial staff were used as a positive example by Robert Greenfield, General Counsel for ACWA JPIA, on how to do an investigation. ACWA JPIA was able to go back on appeal and win. The way District staff communicated and provided ACWA JPIA with information helped every member of the JPIA.
- The Valley Ag Water Coalition did not increase their dues for Ag members.
- There were no State board members present at ACWA. The highest-ranking person from the State in attendance was Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director for Sustainable Groundwater Management.
- Dana Lee, Fisheries Biologist for FISHBIO, presented on the “Impacts of Nonnative Fish on Salmon Recovery: Lessons Learned from Long-Term Predation Studies in the San Joaquin Basin,” in which OID was listed, along with other districts, as having financed the science on the predation of the river.

Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel, shared that he received a draft report on predation from FISHBIO and it’s currently under review. After it’s reviewed it will go to resource agencies and then get published next year.

Director Orvis concluded by welcoming Director Jacob DeBoer aboard and thanked Director Santos for her nine (9) years of service to the District.

**ITEM NO. 23**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**ITEM NO. 24**  
**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OID ACTIVITIES**

Scot Moody, General Manager, cautioned the Directors to be mindful about what they post on their social media pages and highlighted a court case that was shared by Robert Greenfield, General Counsel for ACWA JPIA, about a board member from another agency who was sued for blocking someone from their private Facebook page after they made a political post about the agency/board they sit on. The court favored the plaintiff because they turned their private Facebook page into a public entity/platform when they made that post and no longer had the right to determine who could access their Facebook page.

Mr. Moody reported that he, Sharon Cisneros (Chief Financial Officer), and Michael Ballinger (IT Systems Administrator/SCADA Supervisor) went to Rodden Lake to inspect a gate system that needs improvements. There is an actuator that we use to monitor and open/close that gate which was in poor shape and had to be sent out for repair.

Mr. Moody concluded by distributing two (2) documents regarding the Canyon Tunnel Project and Eric Thorburn (District Engineer/Water Operations Manager) shared some information regarding the documents. Director Orvis said to add it to the Agenda for the Board meeting scheduled for January 14, 2025.

**ITEM NO. 25**  
**WATER COUNSEL REPORT**

Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel, welcomed Director Jacob DeBoer aboard, and stated that his report would be addressed in closed session.

The Board of Directors recessed at 11:20 a.m. and convened to closed session at 11:29 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**ITEM NOS. 26-28**

**12:37 p.m. – Director J. DeBoer recused himself from one item under Closed Session Item No. 26 and exited the boardroom.**

**12:53 p.m. – Director J. DeBoer returned to the boardroom.**

26. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)  
Three (3) cases

27. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
Two (2) cases

a. Threfall Ranch LP v. Oakdale Irrigation District, et al  
Superior Court of Stanislaus County  
Case No. CV-24-006033

b. San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al v. California State Water Resources Control Board  
County of Sacramento Superior Court  
Case No. JCCP 5013

28. PERSONNEL MATTER  
Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)  
One (1) case

The Board of Directors reconvened to open session at 2:29 p.m. Coming out of closed session, President Orvis stated there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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, December 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at the office of South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 10111 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

Attest:

Signature on file.  
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Scot A. Moody  
General Manager/Secretary

Signature on file.  
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Thomas D. Orvis, President  
Board of Directors