

**July 14, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Terra Bella Irrigation District met this day in regular session, the meeting was teleconference from the District Office located at 24790 Avenue 95, Terra Bella, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Wheaton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE** participating in this meeting remotely and in person:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Wheaton, Fowler, Doyel, Galloway

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Martinez

OTHERS PRESENT: Albert Smith, District Operations Superintendent  
Ann Nelms, District Secretary-Treasurer  
Aubrey Mauritsen, Legal Counsel  
Nick Keller, Consulting Engineer  
Kristie Mattock  
Matt Hendrick  
Alan Becker

**AGENDA – CONSIDER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No changes were made to the posted agenda.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

President Wheaton asked for public input. There was no public input.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/U, Fowler, Doyel to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 regular meeting as mailed.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** Review and discuss outstanding bills.

M/S/U Doyel, Fowler to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Treasurer Nelms reviewed with the Board the financial status of the District, including TBID Investment Policy Review in Compliance with SB 564 and SB 866. Included in the review is the monthly statements from California Bank & Trust, Local Agency Investment Fund, Friant Power Authority revenue and expenditure summary worksheet. Delinquent water account report was reviewed noting increase in the delinquent water accounts.

TBID balance sheet as of May 31, 2021 as well as Income Statements for the same period, including a year to date statements were reviewed.

Albert Smith, Operations Superintendent, presented his monthly operating activities report for June 2021 Mr. Smith stated no accidents or injuries to report for the month of June. Mr. Smith congratulated employee Morgan Day on the birth of his son born Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Equipment maintenance and repair includes repacked pump #3 at station #7; repacked pump #4 and pump #6 at Station #6. Greased all pumps and motors at stations #7, #8 and #9. Repaired the A/C at station 1, unit to be replaced. Serviced both backhoes. Repaired pump #3 valve at station #9. Operations maintenance and repair report included weeding and cleaned up at stations #1, #3, and #4. Replaced all c12 tubing at station #9. Disc around wells.. Mr Smith completed heat and illness prevention training with operations staff.

WTP average flow through the plant is around 700 gpm. Claibrated turbidity meters. Cleaned up vines around the treatment plant fence.

1 main line leaks in June; on the south west corner of Road 244 and Ave 96.

The total precipitation is 4.67 inches YTD. USA locates: 64. Back flow's Tested: 18

Mr. Keller presented the monthly water report. Included in the Board Packet is the Water Schedule at 20% Class 1 and June 2021 actual delivery of 3007 acre feet. Bureau allocation is still at 20% but anticipating the allocation to be reduced in the future due to the Federal's negative storage level in the San Luis Reservoir. Discussion followed on water allocation and water schedule for the remainder of this year. Director Wheaton questioned if the Deer Creek Ditch Diversion will be available for this next winter, Mr Keller informed the Board that the application was complete and we are waiting to hear. Included in the board packet is a letter to the Board of Directors regarding the upcoming Bureau compliance review of TBID's 2020 water year deliveries.

**Friant Power Authority:** Mr. Keller update the Board on water flow at the dam and discussion followed.

**Status of Authorities; ESPA, DCTRA, FWA, ACWA & AECA:** FWA is working on the capacity correction project; the project is going out to bid. Ms. Mauritson reported on the FWA working retreat where they covered policies such as close session items, it was decided that no changes will be made to how they handle close session items. DCTRA next meeting is at 2 pm today.

**Eastern Tule GSA:** Aubrey Mauritson updated the Board on ETGSA's workshop scheduled for July 20, 2021 at the Porterville Fairgrounds to cover future subsidence minimization and monitoring along the Friant Kern Canal. Discussion followed on fallow land and their options.

**A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT-Consider authorizing the replacement purchase of A/C unit for the control room cost not to exceed \$16,000.**

The Board reviewed and discussed proposals to replace the 7.5 ton A/C unit for the control room.

M/S/U, Doyel, Fowler to authorize the Operation Superintendent Albert Smith to get 3 estimates to replace the Control room A/C unit to go with the lowest bid and not to exceed \$16,000.

**AUDIT SERVICES – Review and consider accepting a proposal to complete Audits for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 fiscal years.**

The District solicited proposals for audit services for 2021, 2022 and 2023. The following proposal was received:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cuttone & Mastro CPA's	\$14,600	\$14,800	\$15,000

M/S/C, Fowler, Doyel to accept and approve the proposal from Cuttone & Mastro CPAs for audit services for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Kristie Mattock, Matt Hendrick, and Alan Becker departed from the teleconference at 9:41 a.m.

**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION – Property easement: Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project easement premises. Consider a resolution authorizing the Board President to enter into contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to allow a temporary easement on TBID property APN 302-170-011.**

Item was tabled until next month.

**AGREEMENT TO SELL PROPERTY TO FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY– Consider Authorizing Board President to sign the Agreement for the sale of 11.20 acres of APN 302-170-011 Property for the Frait-Kern Canal Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project to the Friant Water Authority at purchase price of \$440,000.00.**

Item was tabled until next month.

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1), the Board adjourned into closed session at the hour of 9:41 a.m.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9] (1 Case)**

The Board of Directors met while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss one potential anticipated ligation case.

**EMPLOYEE MATTERS-Closed Session, Government Code Section 54957, Personnel. Discussion and potential action on the Employees' performance, compensation, and status.**

The Board of Directors met while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss the above-entitled action. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] City of Fresno, et al V. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L.**

Item was tabled until next month.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 10:31 a.m.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 (Relating to items not appearing on the agenda)**

None to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. by President Wheaton.

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Ann Nelms, Secretary