

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of
THE STONE CORRAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Stone Corral Irrigation District Board of Directors convened on April 9 2024, at 4:30 P.M. Directors Arturo Ramirez, Joseph Leal, and Tom Runyon, were present. Directors David Roberts and John Werner were absent. Others present: Gene Kilgore-General Manager, Alex Peltzer- Legal Counsel, Vincent Serrato- Treasure, Craig Hornung, landowner, and Brian Brown, public.

Chair Ramirez called the meeting to order, and the agenda was accepted as presented.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to close session at 4:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 4:46 p.m. No reportable action was taken.

Chair Ramirez opened the floor for public comments. Brian Brown stated he was not in the District, but asked if in wet years can Central Valley Project water be delivered outside the District Boundary. The Board instructed staff to follow up on Mr. Brown’s request.

Mr. Serrato presented the March and April warrants for ratification and approval, which amounted to \$64,803.35 and \$73,056, respectively. On motion by Director Runyon, seconded by Director Leal, and carried, the Board authorized payment of said bills.

Mr. Kilgore presented the March 12, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting minutes for approval. On motion by Director Runyon, seconded by Director Leal, and carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

Mr. Serrato presented the Treasurer’s Report. The Board was provided with March’s expenditures and deposits. Financial summary as follows:

Beginning Cash Balance March 13 th :	\$	657,411.51
Receipts for March:	\$	34,048.93
Transfers from LAIF:	\$	-0-
Disbursements for March	\$	156,320.52
Transfers to LAIF:	\$	-0-
Ending Cash Balance, March 31 st :	\$	535,139.92

Mr. Serrato reported the investments ending balances for the LAIF, Stifel Investments, and Pershing (T-Bills) accounts of \$1,340,117.19, \$517,559.44, and \$1,027,586.77, respectively. Total investments amounted to \$2,885,263.40. Total cash and investments amounted to \$3,420,403.32.

Mr. Serrato provided the Board with eleven (11) delinquent accounts totaling \$46,556.71.

Mr. Kilgore requested to revise the interim 2024 budget. The revision reflected additional water supply from the estimated 70% to 100% allocation, and the reduction of water available to sell due to the payback 1,280 acre-feet to Pixley Irrigation District and acquisition other water costs. On motion by Director Leal, seconded by Director Runyon, and carried, the Board revised the 2024 Budget.

On motion by Director Leal, seconded by Director Runyon, and carried, the Board revised the 2024 water rate from \$195 to \$214 per acre-foot to reflect the loss of water sales.

On motion by Director Leal, seconded by Director Runyon, and carried, the Board revised the 2024 grower allocation from 1.10 acre-feet per acre to 1.60 acre-feet per acre.

Mr. Kilgore reported the Bureau increased their revised 65% allocation to 95%. However, it is anticipated the allocation will go to 100% with 5-10% Class 2 allocation. Mr. Kilgore reported March Friant water deliveries total twenty-seven (27) acre-feet.

Mr. Kilgore reported that installation of a flushing valve on the C-Line is in progress. Work is being performed to fix a leak on the D-Line. Locks have been installed on the District's deliveries to get growers to call in orders. Management is scheduling to install meters on three (3) deliveries where meters have not ever been installed. Mr. Cruz, the landowner, has one delivery that is not metered and one that the meter has failed. Staff will determine once meters are installed if water is being used for a purpose other than irrigation.

Mr. Kilgore reiterated his recommendation to the Board, that they consider joining Friant Water Authority. The District's associate member agreement is subject to expire June 30, 2024.

Mr. Kilgore reported the contractors were scheduled to remove the earthen dams (plugs) on April 15th.

Mr. Kilgore reported the EKGSA's staff and consultant are reviewing the Water Board's probation determination for the Tulare Lake Sub-basin and addressing comparable inadequacies to the Kaweah sub-basin's plan. The three GSAs continue to work through coordination objectives.

Mr. Kilgore reported there was no South Valley Water Association activity to report.

There being no further business, the next Board of Directors meeting was set for May 14, 2024, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Kilgore
Secretary of the Board