

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 February 11, 2025, at 4:32 P.M. Directors Arturo Ramirez, Roberts, Runyon were present. John Werner arrived at 4:44. Director Leal was absent. Others present: Manager Beto Rodriguez and Interim Manager/ Secretary West.

Item 1) Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting to order. Interim Manager/Secretary West mention that the agenda item 4a was updated from the board packet emailed and added item 6e and items 7a & b changed to the correct language. Director Runyon moved with a second from Director Roberts to accept the agenda as amended, Motion Carried.

Item 2) Chairperson Ramirez opened the floor for public comments. No comments

Item 3: Announcements: No announcements

Item 4a: Bookkeeper Michelle Parker reported to the board the January warrants to be ratified and February Warrants to date to be approved. After reviewing the warrants, Director Runyon moved with Director Roberts second, the motion was approved as presented.

Item 4b Mr. West presented January board minutes for approval, but since Directors Runyon and Roberts were not present at last month's board meeting, the January minutes were tabled until next month.

Director Werner arrived for the board meeting at 4:44 pm. The January board minutes were again addressed and Director Werner moved and second by Director Ramirez to approve the January minutes, motion was approved. Directors Runyon and Roberts abstained.

Item 5a, b, c, Bookkeeper Michelle went through all the Financials for January with the board. Director Werner moved and second by Director Runyon to accept the following Items 5a & 5b. item 5c: the board wanted the bookkeeper to get more breakdown details on accounts 15700 and 15800, item 5d as presented, motion carried.

Item 5e: Mr. West presented to the board to review the proposed 2025 budget based on 40% Class 1 and 100% Class 1 allocation to give the board a prospective of what the cost could be per acre foot., after some discussion, Director Roberts suggested to base the allocation at 60% Class 1 due to 2 recent storms that had just occurred, which Mr. West agreed that this is more likely to be. Director Roberts moved with a second by Director Werner to approve the 2025 Operations Budget based on a 60% Class 1 allocation, motion was unanimously approved.

Manager's Report: Item 6a: Mr. West reported to the board on the final accounting of the Water Operations, which he stated the district still has an outstanding Accounts Receivable on water

sales of over \$400K, which he stated that the Manager will send out a letter to the landowners that due to the district not sending any water bills for their usage from April-November, the district will allow a payment plan through September 2025 to ease the burden of paying all at once. Also, being obligated to pay each month's usage for 2025 water deliveries.

Item 6b: Mr. West presented to the board an "URF Sales and Exchange Agreement" for the board to accept. This agreement would entitle the district to purchase URF Water that would be for sale from the bureau if the Restoration Administrator "RA" concludes that he will not run the Settlement water down the San Joaquin River, which would have a range from \$25-\$500 per acre foot, depending on the projected water year. Stone Corral I.D. has entered into URF Water Sale Agreements with the bureau since this option first became available to Friant Contractors. Director Runyon moved and second by Director Roberts to accept the agreement and authorize the Chairperson and Secretary of the Board to sign on behalf of the district, motion carried.

Item 6c: Manager Beto Rodriguez gave a brief detail of maintenance activities performed for the month of January and work to be accomplished in coming months.

Item 6d: Manager Beto and Mr. West presented to the board from Dan Vink, General Partner of Six-33 Solutions a (Professional Services Agreement) Project: "General Support" Dan Vink outlined the "Scope of Work" the district was interested in having him to give guidance and support on some continuing issues that involves the district. (Scope of Work details attached) for a retainer fee of \$2,250/month. After some discussion, the board felt this was a path they felt was needed, especially with considering several "Special Projects" to benefit the district and its landowners. Director Roberts moved and second by Director Runyon to accept the Professional Service Agreement with Six-33 Solutions, motion unanimously carried.

Item 6: Manager Beto Rodriguez and Mr. West informed the board that the district operations is on schedule as planned before Mr. West leaves full operation with Manager Beto Rodriguez.

Item 7: Mr. West presented to the board two action items required for the Annexation 25-1 Public Hearing 1) Adoption of Proposed Negative Declaration by way of Resolution 25-01" and 2) Authorize engineers to begin preparations of LAFCO application. Director Roberts moved and second by Director Werner to approve the Adoption of Proposed Negative Declaration Resolution # 25-01 and Authorize engineers to begin preparation of LAFCO application, motions approved. Director Leal was absent.

Item 8: Mr. West informed the board that the Tri-District Water Authority had not scheduled a Special Board Meeting to talk about the condition of the FID Water Agreement that Stone Corral believes they are entitled to continue to receive equal portions of 1,600-acre feet. Manager of the Tri-District informed stated to Manager Beto and myself during the Water Users Conference in Reno that he is going to recommend to the authority board that 1 condition to continue to receive our equal share of the FID water for Stone Corral to pay their 100% share of the first 6 months based on the remaining 2024 budget of 2 months and the first 4 months of the 2025 budget and a reduction of 20% each month for the remaining 6 months according to the JPA Agreement, even after the Tri-District Water Authority Board of Directors at their last Board Meeting on January 20th, 2025 agreed to waive the 1st 6 months 100% obligation. Gene also wants to impose an Administration Fee per month to administer the FID Water Agreement. He (Gene) will work on written language for discussion before presenting approval to all three boards.

Manager Beto Rodriguez and I also met with Manager Bill Stretch and his Water Operations

person in Reno to discuss the possibility of entering into a separate Water Agreement between FID and Stone Corral, Bill stated that he would approach his directors at his next Board of Directors Meeting for discussion.

Item 9:

Item10: Not discussed

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL *Anticipated Litigation*

Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of Section (§ 54956.9):
One (1) potential case:
The Chairperson convened into Closed Session at 4:53pm.
Chairperson Ramirez reconvened into open session at 5:35 No action taken.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting was duly adjourned at 6:33 pm. The next Board of Directors meeting was set for March 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. West,
Secretary of the Board