

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 June 11, 2024, at 4:33 P.M. Directors Arturo Ramirez, Dave Roberts, Tom Runyon, and John Werner, were present. Director Joseph Leal was absent. Others present: Gene Kilgore-General Manager, Vincent Serrato- Treasure, Alex Peltzer- Legal Counsel and Craig Hornung, landowner.

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

The Board convened to Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

The Board convened to Open Session at 4:49 p.m.

No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

Chair Ramirez opened the floor for public comments, none were presented.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Mike Lopez, a valued employee of 32 years. A celebration of life ceremony will be on June 21st at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel located at 127 E Caldwell Ave., Visalia, CA.

The Board provided Mr. Kilgore with a budget not to exceed \$1,500, to help with the ceremony arrangements and to purchase a plaque recognizing Mike’s years of service, which will be given to the family.

Mr. Serrato presented the May/June warrants for ratification and approval, which amounted to \$103,927.83 and \$53,801.04, respectively. On motion by Director Runyon, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried, the Board authorized payment of said bills.

Mr. Kilgore presented the May 14, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting minutes for approval. On motion by Director Runyon, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

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

Beginning Cash Balance May 1 st :	\$	353,349.10
Receipts for May:	\$	118,571.73
Transfers from LAIF:	\$	-0-
Disbursements for May:	\$	157,950.29
Transfers to LAIF:	\$	-0-
Ending Cash Balance, May 31 st :	\$	313,970.54

Mr. Serrato reported the investments ending balances for the LAIF, Stifel Investments, and Pershing (T-Bills) accounts of \$754,436.01, \$521,727.26, and \$1,040,965.99, respectively. Total investments amounted to \$2,317,129.26. Total cash and investments amounted to \$2,628,999.80.

Mr. Serrato provided the Board with ten (10) delinquent assessment accounts amounting to \$57,667.51, and five (5) delinquent water accounts amounting to \$5,652. No water will be provided until the amounts are paid in full.

Mr. Kilgore reviewed the 2024 budget and discussed the variances.

Mr. Kilgore reported the Bureau allocation remained unchanged at 100% Class 1 and Uncontrolled season is anticipated to end on June 17th. The Canal has been in prorate since May. Mr. Kilgore reported May's Friant water deliveries totaled 1,136 acre-feet.

Mr. Kilgore reported that the flush line has been installed on the C-line, however, sediment remains to be an issue. An alternative is to have the pump station sump inspected and pumped out.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Mr. Farias has suggested he would be retiring January 1, 2025 and that the District would need to hire a new employee within the next few months, so that the new employee can receive sufficient training. A new vehicle was purchased to replace the wrecked one and the Ford Ranger's transmission has failed and will not go into reverse and should be replaced.

Mr. Kilgore presented the revised Tri-District Water Authority (TDWA) Special Project Agreement – Shared Administrative Staff with the added language suggested by Director Leal. On motion by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Werner, and carried, the Board approved the agreement.

Mr. Kilgore reported that Friant Water Authority will be presenting their 2025 proposed budget for public review at their June Board meeting. Their proposed budget increased by approximately two million dollars; half of the increase was for potential litigation. The permanent plugs in the middle reach canal project had been set in place. The canal capacity project is complete, except for the five (5) pump stations that have not been constructed. The construction date of these facilities has yet been determined.

Mr. Kilgore reported the three GSAs have scheduled a meeting on June 13th to discuss the amended Groundwater Plan and share their collaborative efforts.

Mr. Kilgore reported that a meeting was scheduled for the South Valley Water Authority for June 24th.

Mr. Kilgore requested the Board consider becoming members of the Friant Water Authority. On motion by Director Werner, seconded by Director Runyon, and carried, the Board approved the execution of the membership agreement.

There being no further business, the next Board of Directors meeting was set for July 9, 2024, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Kilgore
Secretary of the Board