

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 January 14, 2025, at 4:32 P.M. Directors Arturo Ramirez, John Werner and Joe Leal, were present. Directors Roberts and Runyon were absent. Others present: Manager Beto Rodriguez, landowner Craig Hornung and C.J. Myers from Streamline Irrigation and a director for Alta Irrigation District.

Item 1) Chairman Ramirez called the meeting to order, Director Werner moved with a second from Director Leal to accept the agenda as presented, Motion Carried.

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

Item 3: Announcements: Mr. Hornung introduced C. J. Myers from Streamline Irrigation to inform the board of a new water meter in his view is a more sufficient saddle mounted meter since it does not require a certain length before or after other like the other types of meters, but is around \$1,200-\$1,500 more depending on the size to purchase.

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 Chairman convened into Closed Session at 4:53pm.

Chairman Ramirez reconvened into open session at 5:35 No action taken.

Item 4a: Bookkeeper Michelle Parker reported to the board the December Warrants

Item 4b Manager West presented November 12th Board Minutes, November 21, 2024, Special Board Minutes and the December 10, 2024, minutes for approval.

Item 5a, b, c, d, Bookkeeper Michelle went the all the Financials for December with the board. Director Werner moved and second by Director Leal to accept the following Items 4a, b and Items 5a, b, c, d as presented, motion carried.

Item 5e: The board took action to update the CETERA investment authorized persons to remove the past Manager Gene Kilgore's access to the districts fund. Director Werner moved second by Director Leal to authorize Manager Heriberto Rodriguez and continue to authorize Directors Ramirez and Runyon full access to the account and authorize Bookkeeper Michelle Parker and Director Leal viewing authority only, Director Werner moved and second by Director Leal, motion carried.

Manager's Report: Item 6a: Mr. West reported to the board on the final district water operations. The district's final water available was 13,463-acre feet, transferred 1,280 to Pixley I.D. final payout for their 9d obligation which allowed for 12,183-acre feet for in district use.

Stone Corral had several sources of water: Class 1 allocation 9,000, rescheduled water of 890, Ucs of 1,102, Fresno ID Agreement of 1,600 – 5% = 1,520 and various individual transfers in for some landowners have a total of 12,183-acre feet. Total water delivered in the district was 10,183-acre feet leaving a balance of 2,000-acre feet available to carry-over into the 2025 water year beginning on March 1, 2025. Mr. West stated the bureau presently would on 5% of the contract amount for carry-over which would only be 1,000-acre feet. Mr. West stated he has prepared a letter to the bureau requesting more than 10% due to the possibility of going into a dry year and a probably of getting a call on the Friant Division 2025 water by the Exchange Contractors which would be very devastating to the Friant Division.

Item 6b: Manager Beto gave a brief description of what maintenance has been performed and will have performed in the months to follow. The stated their appreciation on maintenance work performed to date in a very short time period.

Item 6c: Mr. West brought up again to allow an employee to move his trailer on the district lot so he would be able to respond to emergencies much quicker instead of driving from Riverland park where his residence is currently, taking 45 minutes to respond. The district has always had employee's living on district lots to benefit the district in emergencies. The employee will be signing a lease agreement which states listing the district on liability insurance that protects the district from any liability, which also include the employee being responsible for all utilities and maintenance to his residence and lot. The employee will not be charged any rent fee due to him owning his residence. Director Werner moved and second by Chairman Ramirez to allowing Sergio Magana residence on the district lot as long as employed with Stone Corral I.D. Director Leal voted no, motion passed.

Item 7: Mr. West the "Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration" and approving the same posting of same in 3 locations within the district from Dennis Keller related to annexation 25-1 "Leal Residence". Director Werner moved and second by Director Ramirez to approve the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration which includes the 3 postings, Director Leal abstained motion carried.

Item 8: Chairman Ramirez stated that he, myself and if available would like Director Roberts attend the Tri-District Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting when notified of set meeting to respectfully explain the conditions of why the district voted to remove themselves from the authority and combined management for Stone Corral I.D, the board agreed.

Item 9: Not discussed

Item10: Not discussed

There being no further business, the next Board of Directors meeting was set for February 11, 2025, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. West,
Interim Manager & Secretary of the Board