

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

February 15, 2023

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Director Barbaste

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, John Azevedo, Alan Scheuber, Daniel Robinson, David Fantozzi

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi General Manager
 Toni Russell Secretary/Treasurer

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORT ITEMS:

SGMA UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided a report in the board packet regarding:

- GSP Comments from DWR/SWRCB
- Well Meter Policy Letter
- GSP Implementation

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

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Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Mark Smith	Policy Consultant

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 9 – 10 Board to Consider: a) January 18, 2023 Regular Patterson Irrigation District Regular Board Meeting, January 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, and February 1, 2023 Special Board meeting b) Financial Report and Cash Disbursements Report for the month ending in January.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2023

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to appoint Richard Barbaste as the Board President and David Fantozzi as the Board Vice President. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER RE-INVESTING \$3 MILLION INTO 6 MONTH TREASURY BOND WITH TIME VALUE INVESTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO TAKE ACTIONS THERETO TO FACILITATE THE INVESTMENT

General Manager Lucchesi notified to the Board that the 6 month treasury bond that the District invested in August of 2022 was reaching its maturity. Current rates on short term Treasury bonds are up and higher than when originally invested. Lucchesi recommended to the Board to reinvest the funds for another 6 months.

After a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to reinvest the funds with Time Value Investments. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE RECCOMENDATION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT 2023 DISTRICT BUDGET, WATER RATES, EMPLOYEE WAGE SCALES AND WATER ALLOCATION

General Manager Lucchesi provided the proposed 2023 budget to the Board of Directors. Included in the budget was the wage scales for staff, water rates, water allocation and capital improvements for the District. Lucchesi noted that the entire budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee of David Fantozzi and John Azevedo and they recommended approval by the PID Board of Directors.

Lucchesi noted that the water rate will need to stay the same due to the high costs of labor, power, fuel, chemicals, and water. Lucchesi stated that these costs are unavoidable and that everyone is feeling these impacts and the District isn't immune to the rising costs to operate, and the \$30 per acre foot cannot absorb any more losses than historic thus the water rate must remain the same at \$45 per acre foot. In addition, Lucchesi noted that the budget includes the addition of one more staff person in the office and one more staff person in the field.

After a thorough discussion, Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the 2023 budget, water rates, employee wage scales, and water allocation. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

REPORT ITEMS:

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

General Manager Lucchesi gave a report on recent operations and maintenance activities in the district. A written report was included in the board packet for review.

STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided updates on the budget request from Senator Caballero. Lucchesi noted that the \$5,000,000 budget request funding is with the State Water Resources Control Board.

Lucchesi also noted on the status of the \$500,000 from Congressman Harder and that PID is still waiting for USBR to assign a PM.

ACWA SPRING CONFERENCE, MAY 9 – MAY 11, 2023

Lucchesi notified the Board of Directors that the Spring ACWA conference is coming up for May 9 through May 11, 2023. The conference will be in Monterey. Toni Russell and General Manager Lucchesi will be attending the conference. Directors Azevedo, Robinson and Barbaste noted that they will attend the conference. Director Fantozzi noted that he will drive in for the Sexual Harassment and Ethics training but will not stay.

OUTSIDE AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS & UPDATES:

Lucchesi provided Agency and Staff reports on the following:

- SLDMWA Cost Re-allocation
- SLDMWA Activities
- IRWM/SWMP Update
- Drainage Authority Update
- SLDMWA SGMA Update
- FishBio Update
- Family Farm Alliance
- San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint Effort

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

A written report was included in the Board packet regarding administration, operations, and construction activities.

- Managers Briefing
 - Lucchesi provided no updates outside of the items presented herein.
- Administration Report
 - Lucchesi provided a report on Personnel
 - Lucchesi Provided a report on Risk Management
- Lucchesi provided a report on construction projects
- Lucchesi provided a report on projects
- Lucchesi provided a report on Water Operations

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Director Azevedo provided a report on a SGMA meeting he attended for Dairy Farmers in Visalia. He reported about the difficult road ahead with implementation for farmers in white areas.

CLOSED SESSION:

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 2:55 p.m. to discuss the items below:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Water

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Anthea Hansen, General Manager DPWD

Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms

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The Board returned to open session 3:10 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)

The next Board meetings is scheduled for March 15, 2023. General Manager Lucchesi noted that there may be a special Board Meeting on February 27 or February 28.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary