

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
877 W. Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245
July 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Vice-President S. Stanton. Other Directors present were T. Azevedo and M. Newton. Dir. B. Newton and President C. Meyer were absent. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary W. Areias and D. Kahn.

A motion was made by Dir. M. Newton seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and carried to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting.

AUDIENCE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

FINANCIAL MATTERS - Secretary, W. Areias presented the current financial report for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Dir. M. Newton, seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and carried to approve payment of the bills as listed and make any transfers needed.

BUDGET UPDATE - Copies of a Budget Update report for the period ending June 30, 2023 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

AUDIENCE UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE – N/A

MANAGER'S REPORT - Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 969,845 a/f total storage is 1,205,402 a/f. The natural flow is 12,127 c.f.s. SID storage is a total of approximately 12,750 a/f.

LEMOORE CANAL MEETING – N/A

KRWA – WATER RIGHTS FEES - Manager Silva reported that the Water Rights Fees may increase up to 3%.

KRWA ANNUAL DINNER – The Annual Dinner is set for March 22, 2024.

NEW TURBINE UNIT – The Unit 4 Turbine installation has two years to start and four years to complete. There could be two \$5 million grants available. The KRCD has received three bids for the project.

RAISE OF PINE FLAT – KRCD and KRWA want to do a joint study for the potential viability to raise Pine Flat 12 feet.

WATER QUALITY – Mr. Silva reported that the Kings River Water Quality Coalition is down 110 members for a total of 3,426 members now. Next year they will lose 35,000 acres because of to the Tulare Lake. Their fees may

increase up to 6%. California Supreme Court ruled that members could remain anonymous. They are trying to get approval of a Sweep Grant of \$5 million over 3 years. Will find out about the grant by August.

SOUTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY - Dir. M. Newton reported on the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is that they will count the 218 ballots at the meeting on July 27th.

OLD BUSINESS - N/A

NEW BUSINESS - ALLOCATION - Mr. Silva reported that Lemoore Canal made an allocation of "A" water of 2.0 a/f, "B" water of 0.5 a/f at \$26.00, "C" water is unlimited at \$46.00 and Excess water at \$30.00 of water for this water season. A motion was made by Dir. T. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to make an unlimited allocation of Stratford River Water for the Stratford area. Lemoore Canal will run in October and possibly in November with a new allocation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:40 a.m.

Closed session 10:42 a.m.

Open session 10:50 a.m., no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendee Areias". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Wendee Areias, Secretary