



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

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*The Board of Directors of Butte Water District  
Held December 10, 2020 at 1:30pm*

### CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by President Darin Pantaleoni. The following Board members were present: Pete Righero and Pete Waller. Dale Smith and Charlie Etcheverry joined by conference call. Also, present were Manager Mark Orme and Office Manager Shelly Davis.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

No visitors.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

*A motion was made by Director Righero, seconded by Director Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board Meetings held on September 10, September 24, October 26, and November 3, 2020.*

### APPROVAL OF BILLS AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

*A motion was made by Director Waller, seconded by Director Righero, and carried unanimously to approve paying of the bills and to make the necessary transfers.*

### APPROVAL OF THE 2016 AND 2017 AUDITS:

Manager Orme reviewed the 2016/2017 audits with the Board. *A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Waller, and carried unanimously to approve paying of the bills and to make the necessary transfers.*

**(CLOSED SESSION): CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS; BWD AND MINANSIAN, MEITH, SOARES, SEXTON & COOPER, LLP REGARDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A POTENTIAL 2020 WATER TRANSFER (GOV.CODE SECTION 54956.8):**

Closed Session Entered: 2:12pm

Direction given to real property negotiators.

**(CLOSED SESSION): PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION; ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES: (GOV.CODE SECTION 54956.8)**

Closed Session Ended: 2:52pm

**DISCUSS & CONSIDER ANY CHANGES IN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/MANAGER COMPENSATION:**

A motion was made by Director Etcheverry, seconded by Director Smith, and carried unanimously to give a merit bonus to the District employees as follows: General Manager - \$16,000; Office Manager - \$5,500; Ditchtenders and Equipment Operator - \$2,500.

**SGMA UPDATE:**

Director Righero reported that there will be a Butte Subbasin Advisory Board meeting on Monday December 14, 2020 that he will be attending. Manager Orme reported that he will attend the Sutter Subbasin public workshop on the same day.

**MANAGER'S REPORT/JOINT BOARD REPORT:**

- a. Manager Orme reported that an outstanding lien from 2005 has come to his attention. A lien was placed on the property located at 1740 Colusa Hwy Gridley, CA by the District in 2005 for unpaid water charges on the Hoffman property. The property is now being sold and the District has signed the necessary documents to have the lien satisfied upon sale. The owners of the property are Matthew and Jodi Deniz.
- b. Manager Orme reported that given the current dry conditions growers might need to irrigate in January. The Board directed Manger Orme to monitor the conditions and they will discuss further at the January meeting or sooner if needed.
- c. Joint Board Representative Etcheverry reported that Biggs West Gridley Water District went over their allotment of water by 14,454 a/f. Biggs West Gridley Water District will purchase 6,852 a/f of water from BWD at the rate of \$5 per acre foot.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 3:05pm

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Darin Pantaleoni, President

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Mark Orme, Secretary-Manager