



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

*The Board of Directors of Butte Water District
Held April 8, 2021 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: Charlie Etcheverry, Pete Righero, Dale Smith and Pete Waller. Also, present were Manager Mark Orme, Office Manager Shelly Davis and Attorney Dustin Cooper was conferenced in.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Visitors: Carl and Susan Schohr

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 Meeting held on March 11, 2021.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

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

(CLOSED SESSION): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – CONSIDER LAKHVIR GHAG CLAIM: (GOV.CODE SECTION 54956.9, SUBDIVISION D).

Closed Session Entered: 1:40pm

(CLOSED SESSION): CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS; BWD AND MINANSIAN, MEITH, SOARES, SEXTON & COOPER, LLP REGARDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A POTENTIAL 2021 WATER TRANSFER WITH ALL POTENTIAL BUYERS IN 2021, INCLUDING CONTRACTORS FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT AND STATE WATER PROJECT, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. (GOV.CODE SECTION 54956.8):

Closed Session Entered: 2:25pm

The Board came out of closed session and *a motion was made by Director Etcheverry, seconded by Director Waller and carried unanimously to reject the claim presented to BWD by the Law Office of Michael Barrette on behalf of Lakhvir Ghag.*

APPROVAL OF THE 2018 AND 2019 AUDITS:

A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Etcheverry, and carried unanimously to approve the 2018 and 2019 audits.

CONSIDER ANNEXATION OF (SILLER PROPERTY); SUN VALLEY HOLDINGS, LLC APN# 08-040-018,20:

Manager Orme reported to the Board that he was approached about having the “Siller” property annexed into the District. As Manager Orme has mentioned before there is no water access available to the property. Carl and Susan Schohr came before the Board to comment regarding the District’s policy on future annexations. They recommended to the Board that any future annexations should be considered as secondaries. The Board considered their comments. The Board directed Manager Orme to convey to the property owners that they would have to secure a means to have water delivered to said property before the Board will consider the annexation.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF BWD’S DROUGHT POLICY:

Manager Orme reviewed the District’s Drought Policy with the Board. After review of the policy the Board revised Section A. (Surface Water Allocation) to read 4 irrigations for orchards instead of 4 to 5 and 5 irrigations for alfalfa instead of 4.

SGMA UPDATE:

No Report.

MANAGER’S REPORT/JOINT BOARD REPORT:

Manager Orme reported that water will be introduced into the system on April 20, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 3:25pm

Darin Pantaleoni, President

Mark Orme, Secretary-Manager