ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0800

MINUTES

Per Executive Order N-29-20, which allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, this Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Alta Irrigation District was held via teleconference on Thursday, April 08, 2021 and was accessed as follows:

Teleconference Number (559) 823-8500

The public participated in the meeting as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act by calling the teleconference number above.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalender, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Attorneys Doug B. Jensen, and Laruen D. Layne, and one (1) member of the public was present. Attorney Joe Hughes joined closed session for item 10.4. Attorney Nick Jacobs joined the meeting for closed session item 10.5.

   1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – None.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

3. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA** – None.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS –** None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

   5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2021.

   5.2. Collector's Report for March 2021. (Insert 5.2)

   5.3. Approve Payment of the March 2021 Warrants. (Insert 5.3)

   5.4. DWK Enterprises 10432101 (Lovell Pipeline). Approve one (1) District standard pipeline development agreement on the Lovell Pipeline.

   5.5. Dennis Boertje & Son Dairy 10542101 (Banks Ditch). Approve one (1) District standard

encroachment agreement on the Banks Ditch.

5.6. Kings River Water Association Letter on Recommendations for an Effective Water Rights Response to Climate Change. Ratify District signature on comment letter. (Insert 5.6)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

6.1. Treasurer's Report. As of March 31, 2021, the cash balance is $2,886,444.56. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $392,646. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately $2,116,535 and $1,587,507 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about $529,994. (Insert 6.1) It was M/S/C unanimously by Marshall/Kalender to accept the March 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report.

7. WATER MANAGEMENT – Review and take action as appropriate.

7.1. Water Run Update. – No update.

8. NEW BUSINESS – None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Manager's Report. General Manager reviewed the manager's report, it was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 9.1)

9.2. Attorney's Report. Attorney Jensen reviewed the letter from Kings River Water Association on recommendations for an effective water rights response to climate change.

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 10:12 a.m. to confer with counsel on items listed below. Attorneys Doug Jensen and Lauren Layne exited closed session at 10:15 a.m. and were not present for discussion on item 10.4. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on items 10.4 and 10.5, and exited closed session at 10:15 a.m. Attorney Joe Hughes joined closed session at 10:20 a.m. to only discuss item 10.4. Attorney Nick Jacobs joined, and Attorney Doug Jensen returned to closed session at 10:30 a.m. for discussion on item 10.5.

10.1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(2). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action on potential litigation arising out of unauthorized encroachment(s) into District canal. (1 case)

10.2. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *Jesse Alvarado v. Alta Irrigation District Case # ADJ9776072*.

10.3. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association (Fresno Co. Case #19CECG00769).*

10.4. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *Kings River Water Association v. R.D. #761, et al*.

10.5. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(2). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action on potential litigation arising out of claims by third parties to water rights on the Kings River. (1 case)

11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

11.1. Announcement(s) from Closed Session. – The Board reconvened into open session at 10:46 a.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on May 13, 2021.

Sincerely,

_____

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

CBW:ml