

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES May 13, 2021

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT (4)

Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President
Robert Barcellos, Assessor
Micah Combs
Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer
(1:05-1:10 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT (2)

Manny Amorelli, General Manager
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

LANDOWNERS / GROWERS

None

EXCUSED (1)

Riley Chaney, President

PUBLIC / CONSULTANTS (2)

- WATER WISE
Sarah Woolf (Zoom: 1:05-1:19 p.m.)
- YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE, LLP
Alan F. Doud, Esq. (Zoom: 1:05-1:19 p.m.)

ABSENT

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT was held Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Jeremy Hughes, at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 virus pandemic. Members of the public were encouraged to access the meeting via internet/Zoom or use the call-in number to allow them to fully participate in the meeting without having to be present.

II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

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C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST [FPPC §87105]

Directors were given an opportunity to identify potential conflicts-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda.

Director Robert Motte indicated he had a potential conflict-of-interest with Agenda Item IV. B, Closed Session: Government Code §54956.8-Conference with Real Property Negotiator, below, and stated he would be recusing himself from discussing and/or voting on the matter.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 1:06 P.M.

Directors Attending:

Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President
Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Barcellos, Assessor-Collector
Micah Combs, Director

Staff Attending

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

Consultants:

- Water Wise
Sarah Woolf

Legal Counsel

- Young Wooldridge, LLP
Alan F. Doud, Esq.

III. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

4 CASES

IV. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

A. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (04/19/2018)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply transactions.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST

Citing a Conflict-of-Interest, Director Robert Motte, exited the meeting at 1:10 p.m, prior to discussion of the following item.

B. FRESNO COUNTY APN #030-370-32S (05/11/2021)

Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Landowner: The Frank V. Motte Testamentary Trust
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property transaction.

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RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 1:17 P.M.

V. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

General Manager, Manny Amorelli, stated the following reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

- The Board AUTHORIZED the General Manager to INITIATE EMINENT DOMAIN LITIGATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A WELL EASEMENT ON FRESNO COUNTY APN 030-370-32.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 1:19 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman, Executive Assistant

Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President

Manny Amorelli, General Manager