

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GARFIELD WATER DISTRICT  
July 30, 2024**

1. President Pat Ricchiuti called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. In attendance were Directors Karl Kienow, Bill Smittcamp, Mark Johnson, and Palmer Lien. Engineer Nick Keller, Attorney Lauren Layne, and Secretary Paul Woodworth were also present.

2. Business and Presentations from the floor

Mr. Keller provided a water update to the Board. Mr. Keller noted that the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) reduced the District's Class 1 allocation to 90% on June 17, 2024. Mr. Keller does not expect any further reductions in allocation by the BOR this year. Mr. Keller reviewed the BOR water schedule with the Board. Mr. Keller noted that based on year-to-date delivery totals, the District may have some additional water available for sale that it can consider at the next Board meeting.

3. Old Business

- (a) Community West Bank Line of Credit

Mr. Woodworth updated the Board on the line-of-credit (LOC) application. Mr. Woodworth met with Ms. Salas and obtained a new secured LOC application. Mr. Woodworth completed the application for President Ricchiuti to sign. The LOC will be secured only by the District's CD and Money-Market account held at Community West Bank (CWB). Mr. Woodworth will submit the signed application on July 31, 2024 to Ms. Salas. No action taken.

4. Public Hearing

None.

5. New Business:

- (a) 2024-2025 Annual Assessment – Fresno County Special Assessments Special Tax Packet Board Resolution – Authorizing The Levy of the Special Assessments For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Requesting Fresno County Collect Such Specials Assessments – Ms. Layne reviewed the assessment rate schedule (Exhibit A) with the Board. Mr. Woodworth provided background on the rate schedules for both standard and water user property assessments.

Ms. Layne presented the resolution authorizing the Fresno County Tax Collector to collect the District's annual assessments.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the resolution authorizing the Fresno County Tax Collector to collect the District's annual assessments, and to authorize Mr. Woodworth to sign and submit the resolution. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion.

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(b) 2024-2025 Delinquent Assessments – Fresno County Special Assessments Special Tax Packet Board Resolution - Authorizing The Collection of Delinquent Special Assessments in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Requesting Fresno County Collect Such Delinquent Special Assessments – Ms. Layne presented the resolution authorizing the Fresno County Tax Collector to collect the District’s delinquent assessments. Ms. Layne inquired on whether any of the prior year delinquent property assessments were still outstanding. Mr. Woodworth noted that the County provided the District with its delinquent payment report (SE0063) that showed all delinquent payments were received for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and prior year(s). Mr. Woodworth noted several property owners were delinquent for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Ms. Layne noted that Fiscal Year 2023-2024 unpaid assessments do not require a resolution as the County is required to collect on behalf of the District, but that Mr. Woodworth should check to see if there are any remaining delinquent assessments that were not included on last year’s resolution. No action taken.

6. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Woodworth provided the Board with Gust Transportation’s May and June 2024 emergency water master services invoices with a copy of the emergency check number 6139 provided by the District for payment.

It was moved by Palmer Lien and seconded by Karl Kienow to approve the bill payment check. The Directors present unanimously approved the motion.

7. Closed Session:

The Board went into closed session at 1:08 p.m. to discuss anticipated litigation with legal counsel and perform the public employee performance evaluation.

Mr. Woodworth exited the closed session at 1:58 p.m.

Mr. Keller exited the closed session at 2:11 p.m.

Mr. Keller and Mr. Woodworth re-entered the closed session at 2:23 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 2:39 p.m. with no reportable action.

8. Next Meeting is August 20, 2024 and it will be held at P-R Farms, 2917 Shepherd Avenue, Clovis, California at 12:30 p.m.

9. The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.