

**POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING**

**April 16, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Potter Valley Irrigation District was called to order by President Janet Pauli @ 7:00 pm at the Potter Valley Irrigation District Office

**Directors Present:** Dir. Guinness McFadden, Dir. Janet Pauli, Dir. Mac Magruder , Dir. Dan Thornton and Dir. Jim Mcmenomey

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Don Brown, Webmaster Elaine Lindelef and Assessor/Collector Patti Boatwright, Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Ricetti

**Absent:** Attorney Cliff Paulin

**Others Present:** Community Members Steve Giuntini, Lura Smith and Steve Kennedy

**Public Comment:**

**Minutes:**

- **Dir. Magruder made a motion to approve the March Regular Meeting Minutes as amended and Dir. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Check Register:** The March check register totaling \$47,887.22 and the unpaid bills totaling \$36,879.04 were reviewed;

- **Dir. McMenomey made a motion that the unpaid bills be approved for payment, Dir. Magruder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report:** Report was reviewed and discussed

**Assessor/Collector's Report:** Assessor/Collector Boatwright prepared a report with the following information.

Total Overdue A/R: .....	\$ 23,557.67
Water.....	\$ 11,178.09
Standby.....	\$ 4,585.24
Penalty.....	\$ 1,456.27

A brief discussion was had concerning past due payments and liens.

## **Attorney's Report: Not Present**

**Superintendent's Report:** Discussed crossing at gate 50 and quote from Wipf construction for repairs at \$41,000. Board also discussed new alternative option of a sleeve. Superintendent Brown will be looking into getting a quote for the sleeve to compare time frame and costs.

Seth Perez wants to wait until 2024 Ag Commodities report to discuss rate increase.

District cell phones have been replaced.

All crews are preparing for water deliveries.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Website Report:** Discussed updated information reflecting new District employees and Directors.

**2. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission Report:** Dir. Pauli reported:

- IWPC still having discussions with PGE to get a description of the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF) included in the Final Surrender Plan that will be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by the end of July.
- Sonoma Water and their Team are continuing to monitor ground water levels in wells in Potter Valley. PVID will take over the data downloading from the identified wells.
- PGE has filed another temporary variance request with FERC. FERC has opened a thirty day comment period. Dir Pauli and Attorney Paulin will make official PVID statements in protest of the variance.
- The Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) is working on setting a date for their next public meeting. Plans are for the meeting to be held in June or July in the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors chambers.

## **3. Status Report on PG&E / PVID Contract discussions with Seth Perez:**

PVID is working with Seth Perez of PGE to renegotiate water price as required by our contract. Discussed using crop values vs CPI. More discussion to be had under old business #5. We need crop values for 2022, 2023 and 2024 from the Mendocino County Agricultural Commissioner.

**4. Discussion: PVID's share of future funding of legal and engineering expenses associated with the Eel Russian Facility and water rates:**

- MCIWPC signed a feasibility cost sharing agreement with Lytton Rancheria and Army Corps of Engineers to study raising Coyote Valley Dam. MCIWPC and the Lytton Rancheria are the local non-federal sponsors working with the ACOE on the Feasibility Study. The Lytton Rancheria will be contributing \$600,000 to match the first federal funding amount.

**5. PVID Water Rates 2025:** Discussion was had regarding forming an Ad Hoc committee to discuss a water rate increase. Attorney Cliff Paulin is researching the legal process required for Special Districts to notify the public of the discussions.

**6. 2025 budget:** Discussed updated information. Board requested further clarification on the expense column.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.** The board reluctantly accepts the resignation letter from Jim McMenomey as Director for Division 4.

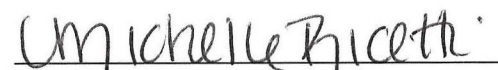
**Dir. Magruder made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Dir. McMenomey; Dir. Mcfadden seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2** Notice for vacancy was posted, Steven Giuntini was the only interested applicant. The board appointed Steven Giuntini as Director for Division 4.

**Dir Mcmenomey motioned to approve; Dir Magruder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

  
Janet Pauli, President

  
Michelle Ricetti, Secretary/ Treasurer