

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

Fresno Irrigation District's Board of Directors met in regular session in the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on November 22, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Board President Jeff Neely.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

President Jeff Neely  
Vice President Ryan Jacobsen  
Steven Balls  
George Porter  
Jerry Rebensdorf

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

General Manager Gary Serrato  
Assistant General Manager Laurence Kimura  
Chief Engineer Bill Stretch  
Watermaster Jim Irwin  
Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar  
Assistant Human Resources Director September Singh  
Controller DeAnn Hailey  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Provost & Pritchard Consulting Firm Representative Ron Samuelian  
District General Counsel Gary Sawyers (via conference call 5:20 p.m.)

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Staff requested that item 9 a. follow the Controller's Report.

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Staff requested that the regular board meeting scheduled for December 27, 2011, be cancelled due to the holidays. The regular board meeting on December 13, 2011, will be held as scheduled.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None scheduled.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**(Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.) [FPPC §87105]**

None stated.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2011**

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote. (Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT**

The following financial reports were presented:

- a. October 2011 Fund Statements**
- b. October 2011 Notes to the Fund Statements**
- c. October 2011 Treasurer's Report**
- d. October 2011 Deposits and Investments**

The October financial reports are within budget. Revenues are at 97% in the General Fund. Wages and salaries are also on target. Overall, total expenses for year-to-date are at 80% which is 3% lower than budgeted.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Rebensdorf)** That the Board of Directors approved the Financial Reports as presented by Staff by unanimous vote. (Ayes, 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Overnight Stay for Controller – 2011 Government Tax Seminar December 13, 2011 (San Francisco, CA)**

The Controller requested an overnight stay for the District's payroll clerk and controller to attend a government tax seminar held in San Francisco.

**M/S/C/(Balls/Porter)** That the Board of Directors approved sending the controller and payroll clerk to San Francisco to attend the 2011 Government Tax Seminar on December 13, 2011, by unanimous vote. (Ayes, 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Chief Engineer Bill Stretch reported on the following items:

**a. Award Contract – Pipeline and Lining Contract 007-1674-B as Part of the Briggs Improvements Project. Action Request 2011-21**

Staff Engineer Felix Vaquilar reviewed the Briggs Improvement Project with the Board. The project includes widening and concrete lining of the Briggs Canal, upgrade two box

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structures, upgrade the SCADA system, and add an additional turnout and outfall structure. The environmental documents have been signed and completed by the US Bureau of Reclamation.

Bids were due and opened on November 16, with five bidders participating. Floyd Johnston Construction Company came in as low base bidder. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Floyd Johnston Construction Company for the base bid of \$343,614.50 plus add alternate item (\$74,200) if the base construction costs stay within budget.

**M/S/C/(Porter/Balls)** That the Board of Directors approved awarding the Briggs Improvement Project to Floyd Johnston Construction Company in the amount of \$343,614.50 with the add alternate item to be decided on at a later date by unanimous vote. (Ayes, 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0)

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Gary Serrato reported on the following:

**a. Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Serrato reviewed planning and construction projects that were discussed in 2009 and have been completed. Mr. Serrato discussed future planning and construction projects. The Board directed Staff to continue to explore new partnerships and water development.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Director Rebensdorf – thanked the water department for keeping water in the Herndon Canal for a couple of extra days.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session discussion.

**Natural Resource Defense Council vs. Rodgers (Government Code Section 54956.9).** To confer with counsel on pending litigation.

**Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (G.C. §54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)): Nielsen Avenue Property.

**Government Code Section 54956.7.** Conference with Labor Negotiators Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment with Represented Bargaining Groups.

**Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (G.C. §54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)): Applegate Johnston, Inc.

**Government Code Section 54957. Personnel Matters.**

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**Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Transactions.**

Negotiators: Gary R. Serrato, FID

Properties: APN 340-160-45

Terms and Conditions: Agreement for Sale of Real Property

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Neely adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted By,

Gary R. Serrato  
Secretary of the Board