

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT DECEMBER 7, 2020

District Secretary Georgeanna Borrayo administered the Oath of Office for Directors elected or appointed at the November 3, 2020 General Election as follows:

CERTIFICATES OF
ELECTION AND
OATH OF OFFICE

Brian Shaw, Director Division 1 – Term of 4 years, Dec. 4, 2020 to Dec. 6, 2024

Alan C. Hinman, Jr., Director, Division 2 – Term of 2 years, Dec. 4, 2020 to Dec. 2, 2022

Shelby Boston, Director, Division 3 – Term of 2 years, Dec. 4, 2020 to Dec. 2, 2022

Dan Hansen, Director, Division 5 – Term of 4 years, Dec. 4, 2020 to Dec. 6, 2024

Following subscription to oath, the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District was called to order at 7:33 a.m. by President Marc Sulik.

OPENING

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT: Directors Alan Hinman, Dan Hansen, Vice-President Shelby Boston, President Marc Sulik
Director Brian Shaw (participating remotely via GoTo Meeting)

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Interim District Manager Tom Lando, Finance & Accounting Manager Ross Gilb, Temporary Assistant District Manager Mickey Rich, and Secretary Georgeanna Borrayo

ALSO PRESENT: Joining the meeting remotely via GoToMeeting: Legal Counsel Representatives Jeffrey O'Neal and Emily LaMoe

President Sulik announced due to risks associated with COVID-19, community members may fully participate in the meeting via Email and Facebook Livestream. Online participants must post their comments regarding items not on the agenda on the Livestream thread by 7:40 a.m. at which time public comments will be read to the Board members. Public comment regarding agenda items will be read directly after the agenda item and before the Board votes on an item.

Staff confirmed no comments have been received.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Interim District Manager Tom Lando indicated the District has used the services of a professional lobbyist firm, Broad and Gusman, to help advocate on behalf of the District and they were instrumental in helping secure PID's backfill funding. The Agreement commenced on March 1, 2020 and is on a month-to-month basis and may be terminated by either party with thirty days written notice. The cost of retaining the services is \$4,000 per month and is funded in the District's budget through 2020.

LOBBYIST
SERVICES WITH
BROAD & GUSMAN
(Item 3)

It was moved by Director Boston and seconded by Director Hansen to authorize an additional six months of funding to continue to engage the services of Broad and Gusman

CONTINUED –
LOBBYIST
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to provide lobbyist services on behalf of PID and authorize the Interim District Manager to execute Form 602 – Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization disclosure on behalf of the District.

AYES: Directors Shaw, Boston, Hansen, Hinman, and Sulik

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 5-0

DISTRICT MANAGER
RECRUITMENT
(Item 6)

Prior to closed session, the Board discussed information outlined in Interim District Manager Tom Lando's memo regarding the District Manager recruitment. Manager Lando confirmed the extended recruitment period ended Friday, December 4 and offered a possible timeline for moving forward in the recruitment process.

Board consensus was to continue with the current screening committee represented by Directors Boston and Sulik and strive for the outline presented by Manager Lando to proceed in the District Manager selection process.

CLOSED SESSION
(Items 4.a., 4.b., &
4.c.)

President Sulik announced the Board will adjourn to closed session to discuss Agenda items 4.a., 4.b. & 4.c. As there were no questions or comments, the Board adjourned to closed session at 7:40 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (a) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9):
Neil Essila et al v. Paradise Irrigation District et al. Butte County Superior Court Case No. 17CV02546.

Closed Session Announcement: Direction has been given to Legal Counsel.

- 4.b. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (California Government Code section 54957(b) (1)).
Title: District Manager

Closed Session Announcement: The Board unanimously agreed to suspend recruitment for the District Manager position at this time and notify the candidates of such decision.

- 4.c. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (California Government Code section 54957 (b) (1)).
Title: Distribution Superintendent

Closed Session Announcement: Direction has been given to the Interim District Manager.

CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENT

President Sulik reconvened the special meeting at 8:35 a.m. and provided closed session announcement information regarding agenda items 4.a., 4.b., and 4.c. as listed in italicized print under each closed session item above.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by President Sulik to adjourn the meeting. The special meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.


Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary


Marc Sulik, President