

The Board of Directors of the Riverdale Irrigation District met in regular session on May 7, 2025. Directors present were John L. Mendes-President, Leonard Acquistapace-Vice President, and Tony Fontes. Others present were Yareli Zarate-Secretary, David Kahn-Attorney, Frank Thomas- Manager and Daniel Perez- JPA Manager.

President Mendes called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Secretary mailed a copy of the minutes of the April 1, 2025 meeting to the Directors. After discussion, Director Acquistapace made a motion, seconded by President Mendes and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as mailed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that \$55,000 was transferred from the Money Market Account into the Checking account during the month of April.

The Treasurer reported the following account balances as of April 30, 2025: Checking - \$24,398.81 Money Market Account - \$57,308.94, Valley Strong Account- \$159,572.93 and State L.A.I.F. - \$5,817.23. The total amount in all accounts is \$247,097.91.

The Treasurer presented a list of the bills received after the April 1, 2025 meeting that were paid with the discretion of the President and Secretary, and a list of bills received as of today that are due and payable in May. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Acquistapace, seconded by President Mendes and unanimously carried to ratify the action of the President and Secretary in payment of the bills listed as paid, and authorize payment of the bills listed as due and payable in May. A copy of the list of bills is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Correspondence

Fresno County Sheriff's Office- Secretary Yareli shared she received a letter requesting donations for the child safety and drug education program. After discussion, it was the unanimous decision of the Board to decline participation in the program. Funds from the District should be utilized strictly for water services and resources. No further action needed.

Report of Attorney

Attorney Kahn stated he had nothing to report under this agenda item.

Update on North Fork Kings GSA

President Mendes shared a few updates; the GSA's annual budget has been approved. The assessment will be up to \$4 an acre. Plans have gone back to DWR for review, estimated to get approved by the end of the year.

Old Business

Update on Blythe Ave. Recharge Basin Project:

Kevin Fees is close to completing the project, but still has some items pending. Estimated to be completed by the end of the month. Secretary Yareli shared that she received the final bills, both bills have a combined total of \$52,970.40.

Grant for Meters through GSA:

President Mendes stated grant funds have been frozen and will table this matter for a later time. No further action needed.

Water Line Repairs on Rental Property:

Manager Frank reported the water line repairs have been completed; no further action needed.

Water Policy for Recharge Ponds:

Attorney Kahn shared he is still working on drafting the policy and will have it ready by the next meeting. No further action needed at this time.

New Business

Transfer of Management to the Joint Powers Agreement:

Daniel Perez introduced himself as the new Manager for the JPA. He currently manages Stinson and Crescent and has started working on learning the Murphy Slough. He plans on keeping everything running the same. Director Fontes stated he wants to keep the conversation open for a seamless transition. President Mendes instructed RID Manager Frank to work alongside Daniel to show him how RID operates its ditches. JPA Manager Daniel shared he intends on shadowing Frank once the water starts to understand the water flow in the RID ditches. After discussion, no action was needed at this time.

Sebastian Quote for Hard Drive Backup:

Secretary Yareli shared she has been having some difficulties with the internet speeds in the office. Sebastian Consulting would previously performed backups remotely but with the current internet service they are no longer able to perform those backups. Secretary Yareli reached out to Comcast and Starlink for quotes. Secretary Yareli shared Starlink had the most reasonable price but that cost would still be higher than the current cost and would require to purchase equipment to transition. The quote from Sebastian to have a local backup with 5 yr warranty and support comes out to \$1,417.78 and wouldn't require the District to upgrade the current internet speed or a monthly service fee from Sebastian. After discussion, the Board instructed Secretary Yareli to upgrade the internet to Starlink and reinstate the remote backups with Sebastian Consulting. Director Acquistapace made a motion, seconded by Director Fontes and unanimously carried authorizing Secretary Yareli to make these changes. Secretary Yareli will cancel the current internet service from AT&T.

Manager Thomas' Report

Manager Thomas stated they are spraying down weeds and cleaning out the head gates. Trimmed trees around the rental property, estimating to start running water June 15th possibly even sooner around June 9th. After discussion, the Board took no action.

Closed Session

JPA Manager Daniel excused himself from the meeting at this time. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:54 a.m. for the following:

- i) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association, et al.*
- ii) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *Kings River Water Association v. R.D. #761, et al.*
- iii) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State*

- Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, KRWA Petition for Change Re License No. 11521.*
- iv) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Petitions to Revoke or Revise the Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream Systems with respect to the Kings River System.*
 - v) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Semitropic Improvement District of Semitropic Water Storage District v. Kings River Water Association, et al: Complaint in Support of Petition to Revise and/or Revoke Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream System for the Kings River.*
 - vi) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One Potential Case.

Reconvene to Open Session

President Mendes reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:01 a.m. and stated that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Yareli Zarate, Secretary