

**EMERY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT

LEE McELPRANG
KASH WINN
CRAIG JOHANSEN

DERRI JEWKES
GORDON BENNETT

STAFF PRESENT

JAY HUMPHREY
NACOLE ALLEN
MONROE MAGNUSON

MEMBERS ABSENT

BLAINE JENSEN

MORRIS SORENSEN

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

Welcome by Chairman, Lee McElprang at 6:00pm.

1. **Conflict of Interest Disclosures if any**

No conflict of interest disclosures were made.

2. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of October 28, 2024 Minutes**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Gordon Bennett to approve the October 28, 2024 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Discussion and Approval of Financial Reports and Voucher Statement**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to approve the Financial Reports and Voucher Statement from the dates of October 22, 2024 to December 2, 2024 and From check numbers 18843 - 18915. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Discussion of Water Report**

Manager discussed its been a great water year and that the water is approximately 4,000 – 5,000a.f. above normal.

5. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Cottonwood PL566 Watershed Project**

- a. Manager discussed an MOU Agreement regarding the Orangeville City North and South Dams. Motion was made by Derri Jewkes and seconded to table the MOU Agreement until more information is obtained and planning is complete. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Manager discussed an MOU Agreement regarding the Sediment Structures above Joes Valley Reservoir. Motion was made by Derri Jewkes and seconded to table the MOU Agreement until more information is obtained and planning is complete. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Using Property Tax Monies to Fund Water Infrastructure**

Manager informed the board of a possible bill that would use tax monies to fund water infrastructure. Manager will follow the bill and report any concerns if it continues.

7. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of the Morris Bend Reservoir Feasibility Study**

Manager discussed that after doing the Feasibility Study it was the opinion of RB&G Engineering that the Morris Bend Reservoir is too expensive for agricultural water to build and pay for.

8. **Discussion/Approval/Denial to Purchase a Snowcat for the Weather Modification Program**

Manager discussed the price for a Snowcat is \$269K. Manager also discussed that he has been in touch with Water Resources and that they will possibly give a grant of \$200K

9. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Fraud Risk Assessment Report**

Manager discussed the Fraud Risk Assessment Report. Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of Capital Repair and Replacement Projects Forecast**

Manager discussed the changes made to the Projects Forecast. Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Kash Winn to accept the Capital Repair and Replacement Projects Forecast List. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule**

Motion was made by Derri Jewkes and seconded by Gordon Bennett to accept the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule with the following dates. January 27th, March 24th, May 5th, June 23rd, August 25th, October 27th, and December 8th. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Enter into a Public Hearing at 7:00pm to receive public comment regarding the 2024 Amended Financial Budget, the 2025 Financial Budget, and the Three Percent Fee Increase on the Project Water Assessments**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Kash Winn to Enter into a Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Public Comment**

No Public Present

14. **Close Public Hearing**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Gordon Bennett to Close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of the Three Percent Fee Increase on the Project Water Assessments**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to approve the three percent fee increase on the Project Water Assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of the 2024 Amended Financial Budget**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Gordon Bennett to approve the 2024 Amended Financial Budget. Motion carried unanimously

17. **Discussion/Approval/Denial of the 2025 Financial Budget**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to approve the 2025 Financial Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

18. **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Derri Jewkes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 7:17pm

Approved