

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD  
AT THE TULARE COUNTY AG COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
4437 SOUTH LASPINA STREET, TULARE, CA 93274  
ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022  
AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Directors present at the meeting held at the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Rick Borges, Scott Rogers, Dave Martin, and Mike Thomas. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, General Manager; Kathi Artis, Controller and Treasurer; Beth Holmes, Senior Administrator and Assessor-Collector; Wayne Fox, Superintendent; and Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster. Also present were Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group; and Alex Peltzer, District Counsel. Members of the Public: Jack Shook, Mark Grajeda, Bill Lemstra, Charles Fisher, Bob Goins, Jeff Sumi, Skyler Bettencourt, Roman Bettencourt, and Nancy Jacobus. Mr. Bixler thanked everyone for attending and announced that there was a full quorum of the Board of Directors present. President Bixler asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the agenda, of which Mr. Fukuda reported there were none. The meeting was thereupon called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

There were not public comments provided.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

President Bixler Opened the Public Hearing: Proposition 218 Public Hearing and Action Item - The Board shall receive an update on the Tulare Irrigation District Proposition 218 process and conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed increased maximum assessment rate.

Mr. Fukuda gave a summary of the Tulare Irrigation District Prop 218 Election. Mr. Fukuda summarized the following: (1) Prop. 218 Public Outreach - Workshops; (2) The Prop. 218 Process (3) Prop. 218, Article XIII D of the California Constitution and Sections 53750 through 53753.5 of the State's Government Code. (4) Your right to Vote. (4) Prop. 218 Requirements; (5) TID's Engineer's Report Prepared by Matt Klinchurch, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group; Assessment Ballot Proceedings; Financial Valuation; and Max Assessments: District General and Administration Assessment \$67.00; Water Supply Assessment \$35.00; Capital Improvement Plan Project Assessment \$38.00.

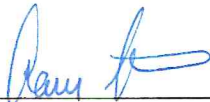
Then, Mr. Fukuda then brief the Public on why the District is holding a Prop 218 Election: (1) Stable Water Rates; (2) Improved District Infrastructure; (3) Invest in Water Supply; and (4) Stabilize Finances.

President Bixler invited members of the public to provide public comments. There were three public comments to come before the Board. (1) Mark Grajeda, Mary Grajeda's son, District Landowner, questioned the Board if the Prop 218 doesn't pass, what was the alternative plan for the District. Mr. Grajeda expressing his opinion if the Prop 218 doesn't pass, he requested that the board allow 30-90 days to figure out what event wrong, and consider bringing it back to vote on in a maximum three years' time period. (2) Jack Shook, District Landowner, questioned if the District would be in water bidding wars with other Districts. (3) Bill Lemstra, District Landowner, publicly thanked the District's Board of Directors and General Manager for the work and efforts given.

President Bixler thereupon closed the public hearing and authorized the ballot count.

President Bixler announced upon receiving a report of Ballot Count that approximately 47,600 acres of the District submitted ballots (this represents 73.1% of the total assessed acreage in the District. 82.5% of the voting acreage (assessed value of \$5,482,918) supported the proposed increased maximum assessment rate.

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was then adjourned to September 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.



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Secretary



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President