



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
September 5, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Reyna at 6:00 PM

Directors Present: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary – Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel – Alan J. Peake

Pledge of allegiance: The Pledge was led by President Reyna.

Agenda Item #1 Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #2.: Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2023

A motion was made to table items 2.a. and 2.b. and approve items 2.c. and 2.d. by Director Ojeda and seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja. ABSTAIN: Alvarez, Reyna

b. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023

A motion was made to approve items 2.b. by Director Ojeda and seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Ojeda, Alvarez, Reyna

c. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2023

A motion was made to table item approve item 2.c. by Director Ojeda and seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Ojeda, Alvarez, Reyna. ABSTAIN: Gallardo, Pantoja

d. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023

A motion was made to table items 2.a. and 2.b. and approve items 2.c. and 2.d. by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Pantoja

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Reyna. ABSTAIN: Alvarez

e. Accounts Payable for August 21, 2023 – September 1, 2023

A motion was made to approve item 2.e. by Director Gallardo and seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna

Agenda Item #3: Board to discuss and take action re: Approval of Contract with Optimized Investment Partners regarding Investment Options for Arvin CSD

General Manager and Legal Counsel gave their staff recommendation for the Board of Directors to approve contract with Optimized Investment partners for consulting with District investments. After a small discussion, a motion was made by Director Gallardo, and it was seconded by Director Ojeda.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.



Agenda Item #4: Presentation: Operations Review 2nd Quarter of 2023

General Manager presented the Board of Directors with water loss rates, water quality, district projects, and financials.

Agenda Item #5: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Arvin Edison Water Storage District water recharge project on the northwest corner of Comanche Drive and Buena Vista Blvd.

General Manger informed the board of directors that Arvin Edison WSD is working on taking 160 acres of agricultural land out of production to increase the size of their spreading ponds located at Comanche Drive and DiGirgio Road. A motion was made by Vice President Alvarez to continue with conversations with Arvin Edison WSD in cooperation of this project and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna

Agenda Item #6: Staff Comments

General Manger: Reported the payments had to be made to Oppenheimer (loan bank) and that money for solar project has been secured in the escrow account.

Legal Counsel: No comment.

Agenda Item #7: Board Member Comments:

- a. **Director Gallardo:** No comment.
- b. **Director Ojeda:** No comment.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comment.
- d. **Vice President Alvarez:** No comment.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comment.

Agenda Item #8: Closed Session: a. Conference with Labor Negotiators: General Manager and District Legal Counsel: Laborers International Union of North America 777 Gov't Code 54957.6

Closed session skipped due to negotiations already being accepted.

Agenda Item #9: Board Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA 777)

General Manager and Legal Counsel informed board of directors of new MOU contract which was accepted by the bargaining unit and employees. A motion was made to approve contract with changes made to prior agreement by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by Director Ojeda to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna

Submitted by:

Attest:

Raul Barraza, Jr.

Aurelio Reyna

**Raul Barraza, Jr.
Board Secretary/General Manager**

**Aurelio Reyna
Board President**