

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ANGIOLA WATER DISTRICT
February 20, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Angiola Water District met on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

1. President Andrew called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Secretary Wilkins kept the Minutes.
2. Secretary Wilkins recorded the roll and reported that Mark Grewal had resigned his seat as of February 14, 2025.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chris McCarthy; Craig Andrew; R.P. McCarthy; Dick VanderHam; Cory VanderHam; Jim Wilson

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge); Staci Wilkins (Secretary); Joe Ortega (AWD); Erik Hansen; and Deanna Jackson (TCWA).

3. President Andrew asked for public comment. No comments were offered.
4. The Board considered approval of the Minutes for the special meeting held on January 16, 2025. On the motion of Director C. McCarthy and seconded by Director R.P. McCarthy, the Board approved the minutes as presented. (6-0)
5. The Board considered approval of the Bank Report, Finance Report, Warrants and Payroll for January 16, 2025, through February 20, 2025. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board approved the financial documents as presented. (6-0)
6. Review and clarify staff process to approve expenses in the absence of a General Manager. On the motion of Director C. VanderHam and seconded by Director R.P. McCarthy, the Board voted to allow office staff to purchase necessary equipment and supplies to maintain District operations up to a maximum of \$1,000.00. Expenses non-budgeted or beyond \$1,000.00 require written approval from two (2) Directors. (6-0)
7. Report on field operations.
Mr. Ortega reported that water is running and canals are in good shape. He should have the three bids required for the two (2) well replacements by the end of February. Four (4) wells are currently out of service and are undergoing maintenance which should be completed by the end of March.

8. Updates for Ongoing Projects:
 - a. Angela East II, LLC – the ad hoc committee continues to work on the final details of the contract which is close to being ready for signatures.
 - b. Pipeline Project – no update
 - c. Fresno Slough Transfer – waiting on the Bureau of Reclamation. No progress has been made.

9. Tri-County Water Authority SGMA Report

Deanna Jackson reviewed the remaining water credits available to the District in 2025 and noted that the allocation policy is being revised for coordination with the subbasin.
10. Director’s Reports/Comments/Suggestions: None
11. The Board retired to Closed Session at 10:16 a.m. to consider the following items:
 - a. Public Employment
Gov. Code, §54957
Superintendent
 - b. Public Employee Appointment
Gov. Code, §54957
General Manager
 - c. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Property: APN 293-240-003
Agency negotiator: Chris McCarthy and Craig Andrew
Negotiating parties: Energy Development Partners
Under negotiation: Price and terms of option agreement and lease
 - d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: two potential cases
 - e. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
 - i. *Application to Appropriate Water from White River*, State Water Resources Control Board Application No. AO32514
 - ii. *Tule Subbasin Probationary Proceedings*, State Water Resources Control Board

* Directors C. VanderHam and D. VanderHam, and Secretary Wilkins were asked to leave Closed Session at 10:53 a.m. due to a possible conflict of interest with matters in item 11.e.iii

 - iii. *Angiola Water District v. Tri-County Water Authority*, Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU316296
12. The Board returned to open session at 10:57 a.m. Directors C. VanderHam, D. VanderHam and Secretary Wilkins rejoined the meeting. No reportable action was taken.

13. At 10:58 a.m., there being no further business to come before the Board of Directors on the occasion of February 20, 2025, President Andrew adjourned the meeting until the special meeting on April 10, 2025, at the same location, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Craig Andrew, President

Affirm:



Staci Wilkins, Board Secretary