

September 11, 2025

President Tom Slater opened the meeting of the board of Trustees at 8:00 A.M.

The Trustees in attendance are Gary Merwin, Ed Franceschi, Steve Barsoom, and Jeff Merwin. Secretary-Bookkeeper Vanessa Schmoker was also present.

The agenda was approved as presented. (M- Barsoom S- J. Merwin) Unanimous.

The minutes of the August 14, 2025 , meeting were approved as corrected. (M- J. Merwin S- Franceshi) Unanimous.

The Board reviews the financials for the month of August 2025. President Slater reviews the purchase of soil from a nearby landowner who sold the soil to finish the emergency repair at Babel Slough. President Slater reviews the financials of ongoing projects as well as possible funding from Bank of Stockton for upcoming projects.

RESOLUTION 2025-09-11-2025-1 to approve expenditures of \$101,961.31 for the combined months of August 2025 as set forth in the Revolving Fund with proceeds from borrowing from the note at Bank of Stockton, California, at a balance of \$0 be paid and the same are hereby unanimously ratified, approved and confirmed. (M- J. Merwin S- Barsoom) Unanimous.

President Slater updates the Board on the NDWA AHO hearings. Testimony begins on September 15th. The focus of the NDWA testimony will be the omission of the North Delta Water Contract from the current revision, specifically the lack recognition of the State's responsibility to uphold the NDW Contract. MBK Engineers will also give testimony, their focus being the impact of the diversion sites on salinity and fish.

Mike Schnaaack called and confirmed the location for drain tile and said he would adhere to our constraints for access to ditch. The property is located on east side of Joyce Pylman house off Clarksburg Rd. The Board unanimously approves this installation. (M- Barsoom S- J. Merwin).

President Slater updates the Board on the ongoing process to find an Executive Director for the Delta Protection Commission. There will be a new round of interviews in late September to fill the position after one candidate backed out at the last minute.

President Slater updates the Board on the progress of SWIF. Six pipe inspections are scheduled. District staff will cut holes for the

cameras, which will cut down the time that 360 Pipelines will need to inspect each site and mitigate some costs for the District.

CalTrans has flagged the District's old gas tank for being out of CARB compliance. There are some options to bring it into compliance, including replacing the gas tank. Due to the everchanging regulations, the best option is to bring the current tank into compliance, which will cost roughly \$10,000.

President Slater informs the Board that Sergio Rodarte has decided to retire. He's already reported retirement to social security and intends to inform PERS. Given restrictions on social security payments once retirement is declared, Sergio will only work until September 17th.

With Sergio retiring, President Slater stresses the importance of discussing options regarding if/when to hire a replacement for Sergio's position. Additionally, President Slater urges the Board to revisit the vacant manager's position.

The budget discussion is tabled until the October meeting.

President Slater briefly updates the Board on progress for the Elk Slough Project. The funding search is moving along, beginning with a pipe inspection, which will be further discussed at the October meeting.

The next Board meeting will take place on October 9, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Vanessa Schmoker - Secretary