

**GALT IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2023**

**Opening:**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman VanWarmerdam at 8:31 a.m. at the Galt Irrigation District office, Herald, California.
2. Members present were Leo VanWarmerdam, John Mulrooney and Tony Merola. Also present were Mike Wackman, Stephen Julian, Wendy Sparrowk, Teresa Flewellyn, Tish Espinosa, Gary Silva Jr. and Jay Schneider.
3. Public Comment – Jay Schneider discussed groundwater modeling in the basin.

**Consent Items:**

1. The minutes for the October 11, 2023 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. The Board reviewed the monthly bills and Treasurer's Report for the current month. Director Mulrooney made a motion to approve the minutes, treasurer's report and monthly bills; motion second by Director Merola. The bills were as follows:

SMUD	\$ 37.19
W.Sparrowk-Oct.	808.06
SSCAWA	631.00
CSDA	<u>226.00</u>
Total	\$1,702.25

**Information/Action Items:**

1. Administrator's Report – The Division 5 boundaries were reviewed. Tish Espinosa will work on a new GID boundary map for the office. Updated data and paperwork was submitted to the County for the supplemental tax bill.
2. Safety Report – Nothing to report.
3. Groundwater Management Report –
  - a. CGA update – CGA is working on fee studies for irrigated land and parcel fees. The Directors discussed possible future fee structures to keep the CGA budget lower, such as 26 funds to implement regulatory programs stay in CGA and 218 funds from irrigated land fees for administration and planning stay within their respective GSA. Discussion was held concerning the supplemental tax bill resulting in a \$5100 shortfall to CGA.
  - b. Wackman Consulting Report – Mike Wackman wants the GID Directors to be thinking of future projects in the District if future assessment funds are retained, such as being ready to purchase 215 Spill water from the Bureau and having implementation structures (meters, dry wells, turnouts, etc) ready if water becomes available. Mike reviewed that SMUD water is labeled as M&I, not Ag, and spill water is left over after the Bureau meets their other surface water obligations. He discussed the cone of depression in our area and 'zone of benefit' ideas.
  - c. Other –
    1. AgRes well permit discussion – A letter from Sacramento County for individual domestic use (AgRes) well permits was reviewed. It was decided to get in touch with the Environmental Management Development (EMD) Megan Floyd and ask for meeting attendance in near future. Teresa Flewellyn volunteered to contact the EMD office with questions and report back at next meeting.
    2. Other - The Directors discussed charging a fee to Sacramento County and/or City of Galt when land is removed from the District. There is no benefit to the District to remove land from its jurisdiction so it may be worth a financial benefit to remove it. This process may have to go through an annexation or sphere of influence process. The Directors requested this topic be brought up again in future agendas.
4. Other Business-
  - a. New well approval – Brandon Merola – The new well application for Brandon Merola was reviewed. He currently shares a well with neighbor and wants to be independent. Motion was made by Director

Mulrooney to approve the new well application from Brandon Merola; motion second by Chairman VanWarmerdam; Director Merola removed himself from vote.

5. Director Comments – Nothing to report.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Leo VanWarmerdam, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_