

**PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 28, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-09-21 issued in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings by web and teleconference, and to make meetings accessible to the public electronically. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present: John Bennett, President
 Michael Linneman, Vice-President
 Mike Stearns, Secretary
 Ross Koda, Director
 Steve Fausone, Director

Directors Absent: None

District Staff Present: Ara Azhderian, General Manager

Others Present: Philip Williams, General Counsel
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54952.3

Pursuant to the Brown Act, President Bennett announced that Directors do not receive compensation or a stipend for simultaneous or serial order meetings of Panoche Water District, Panoche Drainage District, Panoche Financing Authority, and/or the Panoche Resource Conservation District.

CALL TO ORDER

President Bennett called the regular meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board and presence of the District's Officers were confirmed.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 ASSESSMENT BOOK FOR THE NOVEMBER 9TH ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE DISTRICT'S BOARD

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board the draft resolution. He explained the purpose of the resolution was to establish the ownership and value of lands in the District using the Fresno and Merced counties assessment rolls in order to properly compute votes in the upcoming November election. General Counsel Williams reviewed the pertinent water code sections and explained the election process. After consideration, on a motion by Director Stearns, seconded by Director Fausone, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Stearns, Koda, Fausone
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT DURING THE PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETING IN PERSON WOULD PRESENT IMMEDIATE RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

General Manager Azhderian explained that Assembly Bill 361 had replaced Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-09-21 issued in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which allowed local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings by web and teleconference, and to make meetings accessible to the public electronically. He explained the Board could continue to meet virtually but, in order to do so, it had to adopt a resolution every thirty days to proclaim a local emergency related to the current status of the COVID- 19 pandemic and the sensitivity of some members of the Board or public to the health and safety risk of meeting in person. After consideration, on a motion by Director Stearns, seconded by Director Linneman, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Stearns, Koda, Fausone
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for October 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.



John Bennett, President



Mike Stearns, Secretary