

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 2019

DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M by Board President Rodriguez. In attendance: Director Aguilera, Director Brown, Director Peranick, Director Mackey, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin & JoAnn Vierra. Also in attendance: Sally Paulson & Lorii Anderson/Berger & Company, CPAs.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

October Regular Meeting minutes & bills payable were approved as submitted. Director Rodriguez recused himself from voting due to not having been in attendance at the October meeting. Director Rodriguez suggested that we skip directly to Agenda Item #6, Audit Presentation, to expedite the CPAs presentation as they had to travel several hours to get back home. It was agreed to skip to Agenda Item #6 & we would come back to the remaining items afterward.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Audit Presentation by Sally Paulson & Lorii Anderson/Berger & Co., CPAs

Sally Paulson addressed the Board, explaining the purpose of the annual audit and reading thru the audit proposal. The Board each had been given a printed copy of the audit at the beginning of the meeting & followed along as Sally went through each item, answering questions as they arose. Motion was then made & seconded to accept the audit as presented. Vote was unanimous, with none opposed & none absent, and the audit was accepted as presented.

DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 Discussion & Necessary Action on October 25, 2019 letter from Fresno County Counsel regarding Board Member Appointment

The District received a letter from Fresno County Counsel regarding appointment of Director Tyler Mackey. Per Neal, the District was within the required time frame for the notification of vacancy and the appointment of Director Mackey, and Neal will compose a response letter which will clarify the timeline and answer any questions Fresno County may have.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

9.1.1 The District provided comments on the GSP. There's a new Executive Officer who contacted Jason & has issue with the City of Fresno denying the District the use of the ponding basin at Maroa & Herndon, which is the only basin within the District's boundaries. She will contact the City of Fresno, but wants the District to work out a solution with the City of Fresno. Per Jason, he has had 4 meetings with the City of Fresno and they're not budging. Mike Carbajal/City of Fresno will not acquiesce, even though the District has no available place within our boundaries to build a ponding basin for recharge purposes.

9.1.2 Jason informed the Board that the COLA increase will be 1.6% for 2020, and requested that the Board approve the increase for PCWD employees. Discussion ensued regarding District's contribution to & participation in the CALPERS Retirement Program. Per Neal, the District cannot legally separate from CALPERS. Neal suggested that the District contact someone from CALPERS to determine whether the District's contribution can be reduced. JoAnn will contact CALPERS to see if we can obtain info strictly related to our account. Motion was made and approved to grant a 1.6% COLA increase to all full-time employees, effective Jan. 1, 2020.

9.1.3 Jason obtained 3 proposals for synthetic grass for the District grounds, as follows: Sherwood Forest bid \$6,500.00; California Turf & Landscape bid \$6,021.00 & Synlawn bid \$4,126.00. Jason recommended that the Board accept the bid of \$4,126.00 from Synlawn. Discussion ensued, with the result being that the Board voted and approved the \$4,126.00 bid from Synlawn, and directed Jason to proceed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The Board was sent the Bid Results from the Oct. 31 bid for the Water System Improvements Phase 7/Effie Project via email with the Agenda prior to the meeting. Frank reviewed the Bid Results & recommended that the District award the contract to Anderson & Ballou, who was the low bidder, and accept the bid. Motion was made & accepted, Board voted with all in favor/none opposed/none absent to award the contract to Anderson & Ballou & to set aside a 10% contingency as per the contract documents.

Per Frank, he received a grading plan from Precision Civil Engineering which is for a small piece of property in the District’s proposed well site area. This property doesn’t currently have a District water main serving the property & in order to do so, the District would need to extend the Harrison main at the southeast corner of the property adjacent to Derrel’s Mini Storage. This is the property which is owned by developer R. Smith. Per Neal, the District is within its legal rights to require that any construction on the property be connected to the District’s nearest main line. Neal will compose a letter to Mr. Smith regarding the grading plan submission from Precision Civil Engineering.

Frank informed the Board of proposed construction which will take place on the property which is adjacent to the Cocola Building (near Herndon & Palm) & sits in between the Cocola Building & the Walmart parking lot. The plans show that there would be a concrete slab poured directly over the District’s main line which runs along the south end of the property (near Herndon Ave.). Per Neal, the District needs an agreement with the property owner which states that the property owner would be responsible for replacement of anything that the District would need to remove in order to access our main line, in the event that the need arose.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Will report in Closed Session

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY