

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Those in attendance: Director Rodriguez, Director Peranick, Director Valdez, Director Baroni, Frank Daniele, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin and JoAnn Vierra. Also in attendance: Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard; Fred Gonzales/Board vacancy applicant

CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes from Regular Meeting of January 3, 2023 & bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5.1 Public Hearing re: PCWD Board of Directors' vacancy

The Board declared a vacancy and solicited applications from interested parties. Fred Gonzales submitted an application. Fred addressed the Board and answered questions regarding his residence within the District boundaries, and provided some information regarding his employment history and knowledge.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Consideration and Necessary Action regarding Resolution 2023-01 Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Board of Directors

Director Peranick motioned and Director Valdez seconded to accept Resolution 2023-01. Vote was cast, with all voting in favor to accept Resolution 2023-01 and to appoint Fred Gonzales to fill the vacant seat on the Board. District Secretary, JoAnn Vierra, administered the Oath of Office to Director Gonzales and provided him with the packet for the meeting.

6.2 Resolution 2023-02 Approving an Agreement for Supply of Surface Water with the Fresno Irrigation District

Jason informed that this agreement has been in the development phase for some time. It's an agreement to purchase surface water from Fresno Irrigation District (FID) at a set rate. Questions were raised regarding where the water would be stored. Jason informed that the City of Fresno (COF) does not control where surface water is stored & in which ponding basin; this is under the jurisdiction of Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD). The District may be able to form an agreement with FMFCD with regards to use of a specific ponding basin without having to go thru COF, but that will be determined at a later time. Per Neal, this agreement with FID is a boilerplate agreement that FID has also formed with other Districts. Neal and Mike Slater have both reviewed the agreement and find it to be adequate, and the best available agreement that the District will be able to obtain. The District must have a surface water delivery system in place, and FID is the only surface water delivery system that's available. Director Peranick motioned to accept Resolution 2023-02, Director Valdez seconded. Vote was cast, with all voting in favor & none absent; Resolution 2023-02 was passed.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

7.1 Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard gave a status report on the funding for the District's Water Meter Project and the Water Main Replacement Project. Harrison reports that both projects are proceeding according to schedule and there are no anticipated problems with completion of the documents needed to obtain the additional funding. Question arose regarding the State of California's 2025 deadline for the District to have the water meters installed, with Harrison stating that he believes that there is no longer a 2025 deadline due to the COVID-19 impact on the State. Neal also states that he believes the deadline has been changed, and informed that he would check into it and report back. Having completed his report, Harrison exited the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 **Manager's Report:**

9.1.1 See 6.2 above—Resolution 2023-02 was passed by the Board.

9.1.2 Jason reports that the District is required to create a Water Shortage Contingency Plan and requested that the Board grant approval for him to solicit bids from outside vendors to create one. He informs that it's a written document and does not involve any infrastructure construction or corrections. Jason stated that he had inquired with Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard regarding what they charge for creating this type of document, and was told that it was around \$9,000. Director Rodriguez took a census of the Board, with all in agreement that Jason will move forward with obtaining bids from vendors for the creation of a Water Shortage Contingency Plan for the District.

- 9.1.3 Jason requested an increase in the District’s per diem to \$150 per day, to match the Board’s per diem of \$150 per day for training, seminars, etc. This only comes up a couple of times per year, and Jason informs that there will be no impact to the District’s budget. Director Rodriguez took a census of all Board members, and the increase was unanimously approved.
- 9.1.4 Jason informs that the District received a letter from the owners of 58 W. Herndon. The letter basically stated that they intend to move forward with construction with the assumption that the District is aware of the danger to the District’s water line located at the north end of the property. Neal composed a response which reiterated that the District has an easement that must be honored. No further action by the District is needed at this time.
- 9.1.5 Update on Jason’s meeting with Russ Smith & Dirk Poeschel was deferred to Closed Session.

9.2 **Engineer’s Report:** Frank reiterated that he intends to retire & requested that the District make a concerted effort to find a replacement for the District’s engineering needs. He states that Provost & Pritchard & Yamabe & Horn are both acceptable firms for the District to consider. The Board directed Jason to research Engineering firms, obtain bids & report his findings.

9.3 **Attorney’s Report:** Nothing further to report.

9.4 **Board President’s Report:** Director Rodriguez states that plans continue for the celebration of the Pinedale Centennial Anniversary & suggests that the District consider how to participate.

- 9.5 **Director’s Report(s):**
- 9.5.1 Director Valdez states that he met with Jason & JoAnn regarding establishing a schedule of salaries for the District’s use. Compilation of data is in process & will be presented to the Board when completed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 5:52 p.m.

APPROVED BY : RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ	JOANN VIERRA
BOARD PRESIDENT	DISTRICT SECRETARY