

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 2, 2024

DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Those in attendance: Director Rodriguez, Director Valdez, Director Gonzales, Director Baroni, Director Peranick, Frank Daniele, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin, JoAnn Vierra. Also in attendance: Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard, Lorii Anderson/Berger & Co., CPAs.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of March 5 and bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS:

Three members of the public addressed the Board individually.

Ernestine Martinez, who resides at 325 W. Alluvial, had questions regarding the increase in sewer rates as a result of the litigation with the City of Fresno, which were answered by District Counsel.

Elaine Guerrero, who resides at 441 W. Spruce, had questions regarding the Water Main Replacement Project, and needed clarification regarding what the cost would be for the District's residential customers. The Board explained that there will be no cost to the customers.

Juan Leija, who resides at 6381 N. Del Mar, had an issue regarding disposal service—which was resolved prior to this meeting. Mr. Leija was still angry about the disposal issue and the Board heard his diatribe regarding that matter. Mr. Leija had questions regarding how to become a member of the Board, and the District Counsel explained the process. Mr. Leija stated he had gone to the County office and was given a document indicating that the Board currently had one seat which was open; however, this information is incorrect, and the Board heard his diatribe regarding that matter. Despite there being a five-minute limit per speaker, Mr. Leija continued to speak nonstop for almost 10 minutes before he was called to order by Board President Rodriguez.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Presentation of the District's Audit for Fiscal Year End 06/30/23 by Lorii Anderson/Berger & Co., CPAs

A copy of the audit was presented to each Board member, to Jason & to JoAnn. Lorii Anderson/Berger & Co., CPAs reviewed the audit and answered questions from the Board. Director Baroni motioned to accept the Audit as presented, Director Peranick seconded. A vote was cast, with all Board members voting unanimously in favor of accepting the Audit as presented. Lorii stated that she had some line item corrections that will be incorporated into the Audit. Lorii will send the corrections to JoAnn.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

7.1 Harrison Hughes stated that the DWR approved the additional funding that was requested by the District for the Water Main Replacement Project, and that the result will be that there will be enough funding for the project's Base Bid, Add Alternate A and Add Alternate B.

7.1.2 Harrison recommended that the District award the contract for the Water Main Replacement Project to Haydon Construction. Director Valdez motioned to award contract to Haydon Construction for the Water Main Replacement project, Director Peranick seconded the motion. A vote was cast, with the Board voting unanimously in favor to award the project to Haydon Construction. A suggestion was made by the Board that the District make in-person contact with the residents of the homes that will be impacted by the Water Main Replacement Project, to inform them and answer any questions about the project.

Harrison also gave an update on the Water Meter project funding application, stating that it is proceeding as expected and on track.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Manager's Report:

9.1.1 Jason informed that the Basin Use Agreement with FMFCD has been executed, in accordance with the approval of the Board of Directors

9.1.2 The Board was provided with information regarding life insurance policies which can be made available for each Board member. The amount of the policy is based upon the age of the applicant, with the maximum amount of \$10,000. The monthly premium is minimal and would be paid by the District. These policies were available to Board members in years past, and were in effect up until at least 2012. At that time, the policies lapsed and were never renewed for reasons unknown to the current staff. General discussion followed regarding this matter, and it was tabled for the time being.

9.1.3 Jason stated that in accordance with the instruction from the Board, the District has been placing

funds into a dedicated bank account which will be used for remittance to the City of Fresno for the litigation settlement. However, the District does not know where the remittance payments will need to be sent, when the time comes. Neal will follow up and obtain the needed information.

9.2 **Engineer’s Report:** Nothing to report.

9.3 **Attorney’s Report:** Nothing to report until Closed Session.

9.4 **Board President’s Report:** None

9.5 **Director’s Report(s):**

Director Peranick wanted to reiterate that it is the will of the Board that the District maintain some type of documentation to ensure that employees are receiving their breaks and lunch as required by State law. Jason confirmed that documentation is in place.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

APPROVED BY : RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY