

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 2024
DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Those in attendance: Director Rodriguez, Director Valdez, Director Gonzales, Director Baroni, Frank Daniele, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin, JoAnn Vierra. Also present: Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of July 2 & bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: Ernestine Martinez, resident of 425 W. Alluvial, Pinedale addressed the Board. Ms. Martinez inquired as to when the Board would be holding another public meeting. District Counsel Costanzo replied that all of the meetings are public, Ms. Martinez clarified that she was referring to something more well-advertised, and Neal replied that the Board cannot approve anything at this time, but that they would look into it. He also stated that the public would be notified when the time comes. Ms. Martinez also inquired regarding an addition to the District office or a separate building to have public meetings. Director Valdez replied that the District is meeting with the Clovis Memorial District to discuss funding for them to build a new meeting hall for the District, possibly at a property adjacent to the District yard.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Resolution 2024-04 to Amend the District’s Conflict of Interest Code

Neal explained that the District’s Conflict of Interest Code (COI) is reviewed every 2 years and a Resolution must be adopted when the review takes place. There are no changes to the District’s COI at this time. OUTCOME: Director Valdez motioned & Director Baroni seconded to adopt Resolution 2024-04 as presented. A vote was cast, with Directors Valdez, Baroni, Rodriguez & Valdez all voting in favor. Director Peranick was absent from this meeting.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

7.1 Harrison Hughes inquired about the Partial Payment Estimate from Haydon Construction; Jason stated that he needed to request that that item be added to the Agenda on his report. Neal also stated that he had 2 items to be added to Closed Session, as follows: City of Fresno v. Pinedale County Water District, one (1) item pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9; and One (1) item of Potential Litigation pursuant to Govt. Code 54956.9. Director Baroni motioned to modify the Agenda with the addition to Jason’s report F999or the payment on the Water Main Replacement Project and the 2 Closed Session Items. Director Gonzales seconded. A vote was cast, with Directors Baroni, Gonzales, Valdez & Rodriguez all voting in favor. Director Peranick was absent from this meeting.

Harrison went on to report that the State of California has notified that, due to budget cuts, funding for the Water Meter Project has been moved down on the list of priority projects. This means that there will be no funds available for this project at this time. The State classifies the projects into Categories A thru G, with the highest priority being A & lowest being G. The District’s Water Meter Project is categorized as a Category D for this fiscal year. The State has also pushed back the date for their requirements for installation of meters to January 1, 2032. The State’s category A is for Water Treatment projects; B is for Water Quality projects; C is for Water Capacity/Consolidation projects & D is for Water Meter projects. Harrison states that he’s hoping to see the District receive funding within the next 2 years. If there’s a 1-2 year delay, we won’t be required to update all of the applications that have already been Completed. Financial statements and cost increases would have to be updated, however. Harrison states he believes that the District can still submit invoices for reimbursement through the end of this year. Harrison will investigate whether the SWRCB will allow new projects to be added to Categories A, B and C that will usurp the District’s place in line for funding. Harrison stipulated that the funds for the Water Main Replacement project which is currently in progress are solidified. The first phase of the Water Main Replacement project (on Birch) has been completed except for the paving, and they are now working on Clark between Warner & Los Altos. The project has been proceeding as expected & has had no major issues. The project completion date is November 14, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Manager’s Report:

- 9.1.1 2024-2025 District Proposed Budget was presented to the Board and reviewed. Jason informed that the District finished approximately \$163,000 under budget for 2023-2024. Due to increased costs on some maintenance items, there is a slight increase in the 2024-2025 Budget.
- 9.1.2 Partial Payment Estimate #2 from Haydon Construction for the Water Main Replacement Project \$230,049.62. The District will pay Haydon, and submit to DWR for reimbursement. Director Valdez motioned & Director Baroni seconded to accept the Partial Payment Estimate #2 from Haydon Construction. A vote was cast, with Directors Valdez, Baroni, Rodriguez & Gonzales all Voting in favor to accept Partial Payment Estimate #2. Director Peranick was absent from this Meeting.
- 9.1.3 Jason informed that he contacted seven solar companies regarding solar for the office. A couple Of them don’t do commercial work, a couple of them didn’t get back to him. He did receive price quotes from 2 companies, Killua Energy & Energy Concepts. Killua Energy quoted \$62,116 and Energy Concepts quoted \$59,550. There will be maintenance costs on the system, estimate \$100 per year unless there are substantial breakdowns in the system. Further discussion continued. OUTCOME: This item was deferred until a later date, Jason will investigate whether funding is available to the District for this project.

- 9.2 **Engineer’s Report:** None
- 9.3 **Attorney’s Report:** Nothing to report outside of items in Closed Session.
- 9.4 **Board President’s Report:** None.
- 9.5 **Director’s Report(s):** None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 5:39 p.m.

APPROVED BY	:	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
DAVID RODRIGUEZ		JOANN VIERRA
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT		DISTRICT SECRETARY