

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 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 Peranick, Director Baroni, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin, JoAnn Vierra. Also present: Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of September 3 & bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Approval of Partial Payment Estimate 04 from Haydon Construction for the Water Main Replacement Project. Director Baroni motioned to approve Partial Payment Estimate 04, Director Valdez seconded. A vote was cast, with Directors Baroni, Valdez, Rodriguez, Gonzales & Peranick all voting in favor with none opposed and none abstaining.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

7.1 Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard reported regarding the Water Main Replacement Project, stating that the Clark St. phase is completed, Los Altos & Diana St. phases are also done. The phase on Magill is scheduled to be completed mid-October, and then the Blackstone Ave. phase will begin. This is the most difficult phase of the project. Discussion ensued, with Jason informing that some businesses will be affected periodically, but the majority of the businesses are hooked up to the system from the water mains on the side streets—not on Blackstone. The project area will be from Alluvial south to Locust. The work area will be on the west side of Blackstone, with traffic being the thing that’s most impacted by the work being done. Per City of Fresno, the work must be done between the hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The project is on schedule and still on target for completion on November 14, 2024. Regarding the Water Meter Project, Harrison states that the final deliverables needed a couple of updates, which will be resubmitted to Jason for approval. Once those are completed, P & P will submit a completion form to the SWRCB for this phase of the project. The Meter Project will then be on hold until the State has additional funding available.

7.2 The Board inquired regarding the District’s need for a policy that covers submetering. Jason reported that the District already has a policy in place in our building requirements for submetering. Frank inquired to be certain that the District policy states that submetering and anything related to submetering should be the responsibility of the property owner. Jason stated that the District will have 1 main line to each property, with a master meter. The property owner will be billed per usage on that master meter, and how the owner wants to proceed with tenants will be up to the owner—the District will not get involved in that aspect.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 **Manager’s Report:**

- 9.1.1 Jason stated that the Board approved the 2024-25 Proposed Budget, with a request for the District’s projected revenue to ensure that it exceeds the budget. Per Jason, the Proposed Budget is \$3.3M, and the projected revenue is \$3.6M, which covers the budget.
- 9.1.2 Jason provided copies of an estimate from Valley Fence for repairs at Well #7. The contractor suggested that the District install a heavier chain link (6 gauge) which is the same type of fencing used by the Chaffee Zoo. The estimated cost is \$9,050. Discussion ensued, with the outcome being that Director Valdez motioned to accept the \$9,050 proposal and to authorize Jason to make any further decisions needed regarding the installation, etc. Director Baroni seconded. A vote was cast, with Directors Valdez, Baroni, Rodriguez, Gonzales & Peranick all voting in favor. None absent & none abstained.

9.2 **Engineer’s Report:** None

9.3 **Attorney’s Report:** Neal informed that it is his belief that the Fresno County Elections office has acted in error by refusing to allow the District’s sewer-only customers to file paperwork to run for seats on the District’s Board of Directors. The County is stating that the District boundaries weren’t established as a result of annexation. Per Neal, that is not relevant because LAFCO has the authority to determine the District’s

boundaries, and LAFCO used that authority to do so. The Board directed Neal to issue a letter to the County and to appear before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the matter.

9.4 **Board President’s Report:** FYI, there will be a memorial sign erected on Alluvial to honor Ambassador Phillip Sanchez

9.5 **Director’s Report(s):** Director Valdez reported that he and Director Rodriguez met with Clovis Veterans Memorial District (CVMD) representatives on August 19, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the construction of a meeting facility within the District boundaries. At this meeting, they discussed ways to fund a facility, and reported that it could take 3-5 years. The Director of CVMD will instruct his staff to explore ways to fund this project, and they will report back to the District. Director Valdez will continue to follow up with CVMD. Neal informed that he will investigate CVMD to determine what their powers are, and will report back to the Board.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 5:47p.m.

APPROVED BY : RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY