

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 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 Peranick, Frank Daniele, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin, JoAnn Vierra. Also present: Robert Dutcher, Christine Silva, Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of November 5 & bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: Robert Dutcher addressed the Board, thanking them for the welcome & stating that he looks forward to serving on the Board. Christine Silva shared some background information about herself. Robert Dutcher then shared some background information about himself.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Administration of Oath of Office to incoming Board members Alex Valdez, Robert Dutcher & Christine Silva is continued to the January 7, 2025 board meeting.
- 6.2 Approval of Partial Payment Estimate 06 from Haydon Construction for the Water Main Replacement Project. Jason stated this is the monthly billing for the Water Main Replacement Project, and confirmed that the District will be reimbursed by the State for this cost. Director Peranick motioned, Director Valdez seconded to approve the Partial Payment Estimate 06 from Haydon Construction. A vote was cast, with all voting in favor, none opposed & none absent.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard was unable to attend this meeting. The Board was provided with a written report from Harrison, which Jason read out loud. The Water Main Replacement project is still in process, with work being done on Blackstone Ave. in small sections due to the restrictions imposed by the City of Fresno with regard to construction. Project completion is still looking like it will be in February 2025 at the latest. For the Water Meter Project, P & P has submitted the final deliverables to the State Water Resources Control Board. The District will submit a final billing for this phase of the meter project, and the project will be on hold until additional funding is available from the State.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Manager's Report:

- 9.1.1 Jason informed regarding the sewer line breach at Palm & Sierra, stating that he's not getting any feedback from Verizon and believes that the District is getting the runaround. Per Neal, we have confirmed with the City of Fresno that they have received several applications for the work to be done but nothing has happened. Neal informed that Mike Slater is following up with the City of Fresno's planning department on the permitting process, trying to obtain some information. Per Neal, the process is being delayed by the City's not issuing the permit. Per Neal, they contacted the County Department of Public Health to inform them of the problem & the County Department of Public Health is supposed to contact the City of Fresno regarding the matter. Neal states that the obstruction in the District's sewer line (which has been caused by Verizon's boring through the line) is a potential health hazard since it's now causing debris to back up into the sewer line. Jason informs that Verizon has named a contractor to do the repairs & the contractor is trying to get a permit from the City of Fresno. Discussion continued regarding the District's other options, with the outcome being that legal counsel will continue to pursue the matter with the City of Fresno and will report back at the next meeting.

- 9.2 **Engineer's Report:** Frank reports that he is finally retiring, and this will be his last meeting. He will be available to assist the District with transitioning, and to provide the District with all of the files that he has. He recommends that the District continue to work with Provost & Pritchard for their Engineering needs. Neal suggested that the District could put together an RFP & seek the assistance of an Engineer who is not employed by a large firm. Jason & Frank reminded that the District put out an RFP 2 years ago and received only 2 replies from interested firms.

Jason & Frank interviewed both firms, with the outcome being that neither firm was willing to provide the type of services that the District is seeking. Frank will work with Jason to provide the District with all of the documents in his possession.

- 9.3 **Attorney’s Report:** Neal states that he is working with LAFCO to set up a meeting to discuss fixing the District’s boundary issues, but the process is slow. He believes they will be able to meet in January, 2025.
- 9.4 **Board President’s Report:** Director Rodriguez advised that Fresno County Assessor Paul Dictos requested that he be allowed to place some flyers in the District office providing info which could be of assistance to property owners and that someone will be bringing the flyers to the District office.
- 9.5 **Director’s Report(s):** Director Valdez states he has not had any further meetings with Clovis Veterans Memorial District, but may have another report next month. Director Valdez wondered whether the District might be able to pursue grant funding to build a community hall on our own instead. Neal will make some inquiries to see if there are any of those types of grant funding available, and the District will continue to meet with Clovis Veterans Memorial District to pursue the matter. Director Valdez informed that the CEO, Lorenzo Rios, is the person they have been meeting with.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 5:59 p.m.

APPROVED BY : RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY