

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2025
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, Mike Slater, Jason Franklin, JoAnn Vierra. Also present: Robert Dutcher, Christine Silva, Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard

CONSENT CALENDAR:

District legal counsel, Mike Slater requested that Agenda Item #7.1 be moved to Item #3.1, to allow for new board members to participate immediately in voting on agenda items.. Board President Rodriguez polled the other board members and there being no opposition, Agenda Item #7.1 Administration of Oath of Office to Incoming Board Members Alex Valdez, Robert Dutcher & Christine Silva is hereby moved to Item #3.1. District Secretary JoAnn Vierra administered the Oath of Office to Alejandro (Alex) Valdez, Christine Silva and Robert Dutcher and the new board members were welcomed.

3.2 Minutes of the regular meeting of December & bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS:

Elaine Guerrero and Ernestine Martinez addressed the Board regarding the work that the District is currently doing along Blackstone Avenue. They had questions regarding the damage to the street, and the timeline to get it completed. Jason provided clarification, stating that the street will be repaved once the project has been completed. There were also questions regarding providing notification to customers when the water is going to be shut off due to work being done in the area. Jason informed that the District does have a system in place to notify customers, and JoAnn requested that the members of the public provide the District with their telephone numbers to ensure that they are added to the notification list for future alerts. Jason informed that the District doesn't always know specifically which properties will be affected by shutdowns, and we will provide notification in advance as often as possible.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Approval of Partial Payment Estimate 07 from Haydon Construction for the Water Main Replacement Project. Director Peranick motioned & Director Dutcher seconded to accept the Partial Payment Estimate 07. A vote was cast, with all voting in favor to accept.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

7.1 Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard stated that the Water Main Replacement Project is still in process along Blackstone Ave. Harrison reiterated that once the work is done, the road will be completely repaved. Director Rodriguez added that the City of Fresno had restricted the time frame within which the District was allowed to work on the streets, and that did make for delays in the project's timeline. Regarding the Water Meter Project, Harrison informs that the SWRCB has no further changes to the current funding situation & there is still no funding available to the District at this time. Harrison will continue to check back with them every quarter. Per Mike, it is in the District's favor that the District now has a fully designed project in the State's queue, and the District is ready to move forward the minute that State funding becomes available. The State of California has adjusted the required date for meter installation for another 10 years, until 2035. A suggestion was made that the District put information regarding the metering project on the District's website. Another suggestion was that the District print up some type of flyer with the information and make it available to customers to pick up in the office.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Manager's Report:

9.1.1 Jason informed regarding the meetings that he and Frank Daniele had with Engineering firms Provost & Pritchard & Yamabe and Horn regarding providing periodic services to the District. Jason informed that Yamabe & Horn wanted more specific information about exactly what the District needs were (which is difficult to provide because needs vary). Provost & Pritchard stated that they could take on any duties and would charge for time & materials, etc. Discussion continued regarding the District's engineering needs and options. Mike stated that Yamabe & Horn, Provost & Pritchard and A & M are all good firms. Jason informed that the District would benefit from working with a larger firm such as Provost & Pritchard, especially when it comes to having their resources and knowledge for funding.

Jason believes that if the District wanted to utilize Provost & Pritchard, Harrison Hughes would probably be assigned to work with the District. General discussion continued regarding this matter, with the outcome being that the Board will continue to consider options.

9.2 Engineer’s Report: NONE

9.3 Attorney’s Report: Per Mike, Neal will have additional information regarding the R. Smith situation and will have it on the agenda for next month’s meeting. Regarding the Verizon sewer line breach situation, there have been no further developments. Mike states that they will attempt to contact the City of Fresno again, and wondered whether the District might try to address the matter with our City Council member. To summarize, Verizon has stated that they have been unable to obtain a permit from the City of Fresno to do the street work and the District has not been able to obtain information from the City regarding the matter.

9.4 Board President’s Report: None

9.5 Director’s Report(s):

Director Dutcher requested a synopsis report from Counsel of current & pending litigation issues. Mike informed that that is typically handled under Closed Session.

Upon questioning by a member of the public, Director Valdez reported that there is no further development with the Clovis Veterans’ Memorial District and he will continue to report as the situation evolves.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY :

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY