

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 6, 2022

Members Present – Jim Jones, David Anderson, Jim Gerdes and Frank Hilliard. (Mr. Hilliard arrived at 5:43 p.m.)

Members Absent – None.

Public in Attendance – None.

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Action Items

A motion to approve the Consent Items was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to appoint Tony Salvador to the Board of Directors was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: September 2022 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for Mike Wadsworth – Wadsworth Properties Limited Partnership was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution No.554 – A Resolution of Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2022-01 Amending Hilmar Ordinance 2.01.005 and Increasing Compensation of Board Members and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 555 – A Resolution Approving Increased Contribution to Employee Retirement Plan was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to table Action item 7e was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President Jim Jones.

Consent Items – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Items.

Public Forum – None.

Directors Organizational Proceedings Conducted by District Secretary –

Curtis Jorritsma reported there were six individuals interested in the Board opening. Only two submitted the completed questionnaire. The two individuals who submitted the completed

questionnaire was Tony Salvador and Joe Schoneman. Mr. Salvador submitted his response to the questionnaire the day it was emailed to him, and reminders were sent to the other individuals the day the responses were due. Mr. Schoneman submitted the completed questionnaire after that. Mr. Salvador was born and raised in Hilmar and is in the Food Science Sanitation field and has knowledge in Microbiology. Mr. Salvador did state to Curtis, that his job does require him to travel globally to where he may need to attend a meeting virtually rather than in person. Mr. Joe Schoneman works for the Merced County Office of Education and as he stated on his questionnaire, "he wants to contribute to the community". Staff recommends appointing Tony Salvador to the Board of Directors seat. Mr. Gerdes stated he is concerned that Mr. Salvador may not be physically present at the Board of Directors meetings. Curtis reemphasized that Mr. Salvador did state he plans to attend in person as much as possible. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Tony Salvador to the Board of Directors as a Board member.

District Manager's Report –

Curtis reported we pumped a total of 35.949MG and billed for 33.737MG thus reflecting a 6.1% water loss. TSS was 38.9mg/L and BOD was 27.8mg/L. These results are under the State limit of 40mg/L. We hope this is the trend we will continue as we are using the product from Aquafix in partnership with them. We are hoping the results are based on the product we are currently using. They had stated it would take one to two months to have effect. We have been using the product for over a month.

Curtis informed the Board the audit was performed on August 15th and 16th. Just received an email this afternoon with the PDF version of the financial statement and the originals are being mailed. We will present the results at the next board meeting. He also informed the Board the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Webinar will be October 18th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. provided by CSDA.

Curtis stated the weather is hot and the wells are running overtime. Our lead well, well #7, is pumping sand. Cody has been cleaning the filter more frequently. We will need to look at pulling the sand filter this winter and re-camera the well to see how much sand is at the bottom of the casing.

Curtis provided the SCADA project update. The contract has been signed and by the first part of 2023 the system should be fully operational.

Director Reports – Mr. Anderson congratulated and thanked Curtis on his persistence on working to get a handle on the BOD and TSS levels. Curtis appreciated the comment and stated Jonathon Sousa deserves credit as he has worked hard on finding a resolution. It's a team effort.

Action Items –

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in September were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.
- B) The Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for Mike Wadsworth – Wadsworth Properties Limited Partnership was presented, and a motion was made and seconded to extend the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter.
- C) Curtis presented Resolution No. 554 to update the ordinance based on the decisions the Board made regarding the increased compensation of Board Members. Mr. Stuart Spencer stated the resolution calls for a public hearing to be held at the October meeting. The intent

of the resolution is to adopt and change the current ordinance to reflect the new Board compensation. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 554 – A Resolution of Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2022-01 Amending Hilmar Ordinance 2.01.005 and Increasing Compensation of Board Members and Calling for A Public Hearing Thereon.

- D) Mr. Stuart Spencer presented Resolution No. 555 – A Resolution Approving Increased Contribution to Employee Retirement Plan. He stated that this resolution formalizes the increase to the employee’s retirement plan. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 555.
- E) Curtis requested action item 7e to be tabled. Additional information is needed, and it will be brought back at the next meeting. A motion was made and seconded to Table Action Item 7e.

Discussion Items –

Curtis reported, Hilmar Cheese alongside EPA, are looking to help a local organization with a water or wastewater project. Hilmar Cheese reached out to Curtis asking if the District maybe interested in conducting a joint effort with a project. Curtis along with Hilmar Cheese representative looked at the possibility of a lift station improvement project or a well test hole project. Curtis is looking at potential accusations of property to conduct the test hole.

Closed Session –

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. to conference regarding the Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)). Name of Case: Hilmar County Water District v. The Dow Chemical Company, et al. And Personnel Reviews.

Directors returned to Open Session at 6:17 p.m. the Board was updated on the status of the litigation and were provided with the input from the personnel reviews.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

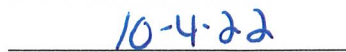
Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:



Board Member



Date