

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 3, 2019

Members present – Jim Jones, Jim Gerdes, Joe Sequeira, and Frank Hilliard.

Members absent – David Anderson.

Public in Attendance – Mr. Tony DeMelo with North Star Engineering.

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Action Items

A motion to approve the Consent Items was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Joe Sequeira. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: December 2019 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Joe Sequeira. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for Bloss Cove Project (Bloss Cove Estates, Inc – Ramson Piro) was made by Joe Sequeira and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Jones.

Public Forum – None.

District Manager’s Report –

Curtis Jorritsma reported Well #6 pumped 18,000 gallons and Well #7 pumped 27 million gallons. Water loss for the month was 6%. Because we have drained the maturation pond at the WWTF, our levels were concentrated and TSS was 76 mg/l and BOD was 116 mg/l. Curtis plans to address this with the State to submit with our monthly report explaining the situation. The average flow at the WWTF was 334,000 gallons per day with a maximum flow of 380,000 gallons.

Curtis provided an update of the Southside Utility Replacement Project. He reported they are finishing with the eastside of Lander. The rain has slowed down the process. They are still expecting to complete the project by Christmas.

Curtis reported Well Industries was back on site today to start setting the new conductor casing.

Curtis informed the Directors, Merced College will be offering two courses next semester. One is going to be Water and Wastewater Calculations and the other is Advanced Wastewater Treatment class.

Directors Reports – Mr. Hilliard noticed today, Merced County was putting into our storm drain system what they had pumped at Dayton Avenue. Curtis will follow up with Merced County, as we do not have an agreement with Merced County to have it go directly into our storm drain system.

Mr. Gerdes inquired into the possibility of creating an ordinance to have new developers be responsible to have their own water source and tie into our system. This will need to be worked with legal and engineering.

Mr. Hilliard asked, if anything can be done for Cody and Jonathon to show our appreciation for covering in Bill's absentness. Curtis will see what we can do as a District.

Mr. Jones inquired into how the hiring process was going. Curtis reported final interviews will be conducted tomorrow.

Mr. Gerdes mentioned he noticed Curtis seems to use his personal vehicle during working hours and wondered if he would like to go on some type of reimbursement program instead of using the District vehicle. Curtis will consider it.

Action Items --

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in December were presented and a motion was made and seconded to pay them.
- B) Curtis presented the request for the extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for Bloss Cove Project (Bloss Cove Estates, Inc. – Ramson Piro). Curtis did have a conversation with Mr. Piro regarding the water situation which has not changed since the last renewal. The District is working on drilling the 3rd test hole. They did discuss looking at other options by the Developer. Staff recommends approving the extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter. A motion was made and seconded to extend the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 7:37 p.m. to conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: APN 015-015-024.

Directors returned to Open Session at 8:00 p.m. Staff was given direction by the Board regarding property APN 015-015-024.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Burgs

Approved by:

James Jones

Board Member

1-7-2020

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Date