

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 4, 2022

Members present – Jim Jones, Frank Hilliard, David Anderson, and Jim Gerdes.

Members absent – David Alvares.

Public in Attendance – Mr. Brian Pimentel.

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Action Items

A motion to approve the Consent Items was made by David Anderson and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: January 2022 was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the contract with Besst, Inc. for Well Profiling Services at Cox Well (#4) and Jake Well (#6) in the amount of \$50,270.00. Motion passed 4-0. Agenda stated Woody Well S/B Jake Well.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 presented the procedure for selection of officers. Selection was duly made and Jim Jones will serve as President and Frank Hilliard will serve as Vice-President and Curtis Jorritsma will serve as Board Secretary.

District Manager’s Report –

Curtis Jorritsma reported our water loss for December was 4%. The total water pumped for December was 16.547MG and the total billed was 15.884MG. We have no results for TSS and BOD from the lab. The lab is very backed up; we should have results by tomorrow.

Curtis reported we lost water pressure on Sunday, January 2nd in the morning for approximately 9 minutes. There was a power outage on Saturday at Well #7 causing a fault at the well. The generator should have kicked in. We have since tested the generator and it’s in working order. Cody was on call and was able to correct the issue. It’s important we have systems in place to answer quickly to an issue. Having a SCADA system, would assist in these types of issues.

Curtis provided a breakdown of expenses incurred with Applegate Teeple's as requested at the December meeting. Going back to 2016, we have spent \$109,365.00. Based on the last 4 years we are averaging \$25,000.00 annually for must use situations not including situations the staff maintains. If the District, does go with an option of purchasing a Vac Truck, it's important to consider having a facility to house it. It was proposed to staff to maintain an eye on possible grant opportunities, to purchase a Vac Truck and also have the Corp Yard appraised and possibly approach the owner with the possibility of purchasing the building.

Director Reports – None.

Action Items –

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in January were presented and a motion was made and seconded to pay them.
- B) Curtis presented the proposed contract with Besst, Inc. for Well Profiling Services at Cox Well #4 and Jake Well (#6) in the amount of \$50,270.00. Curtis and Spencer Supinger, District Engineer, had conversations regarding well profiling services. The company performs analysis of the well, by looking into the well, section by section and see the condition of the well casing and water quality. The total for both wells is \$50,270.00. We know Well #7 is a good producing well. This process would help determine the "recipe" we will need once we begin blending with the storage tank and provide an opportunity to assess current well conditions. Mr. Spencer Supinger explained the process would consist of blocking off small sections in the well and by doing this, it can give the makeup of the water. Curtis informed the board the funds for this proposal would be paid from Water Capital or Facilities Fees. Mr. David Anderson, asked if this process would include a video of the wells? Curtis and Spencer will confirm. Mr. Anderson also asked, how soon would this project start, if approved? Curtis is guessing by April. Direction was given by the Board to pursue the project with modifications. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with Besst, Inc.

Discussion Items –

- A) Curtis provided the proposal from Winton-Ireland, Strom & Green Insurance Agency for the Commercial Auto, Business, and Umbrella Policy. Based on the proposal, there's an 18% premium increase. The District has had a few claims contributing to the premium increase. The main price increase is in the Auto policy. The quote from Allied World Assurance Co. for 2022/2023 is \$24,382.00 and last year it was \$19,985.00. Winton-Ireland, Strom & Green also provided a package from California Association of Mutual Water Companies Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Management Authority (JPRIMA). Their quote total is \$21,001.00. With this provider, the District would have to agree to a 3-year contract. The rate would not be locked in for 3 years. Within the 3 years, the only way to get out of the contract would be if the rates would increase by 15% or more. There's an annual membership fee of \$500.00. The membership fee would be waived the first year. Curtis believes we should continue with Allied World Assurance Co., unless the Board would prefer

to pursue the JPRIMA package. Staff was given direction by the Board to decide what option will best fit the District.

Closed Session

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:19 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.

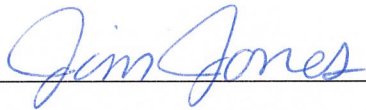
Directors returned to Open Session at 6:31 p.m. Staff was given direction by the Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

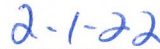
Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:



Board Member



Date