

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

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

Members Absent – Tony Salvador.

Public in Attendance – None.

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Action Items

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

A motion to reinstate the current slate of officers – Mr. Jim Jones as President; Mr. Frank Hilliard as Vice-President; and Mr. Curtis Jorritsma as the Board Secretary was made by David Anderson and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

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

A motion to approve the Contract with Foster’s Pumps Inc. to Redevelop Well 7 was made by David Anderson and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

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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 Jorritsma administered the oath to the appointed Directors – Mr. Jim Gerdes, Mr. David Anderson, and Mr. Frank Hilliard. Curtis then presented the steps to nominate a Board President, a Board Vice-President, and the Board Secretary. Mr. David Anderson made a motion to reinstate the current slate of officers and was seconded by Mr. Jim Gerdes.

District Manager’s Report –

Curtis reported BOD results jumped to 70mg/l. Typically, the results drop at this time of the year. We will wait to see what the December results will come across. Mr. Gerdes inquired if rain could be a cause of the spike. Mr. Hilliard responded he believes the rain may be the cause. After extensive discussion, Curtis stated we will continue to monitor it.

Curtis provided a status update on Well 7. This subject will be discussed further under discussion items. The work that was done in October at Well 7 doesn't look like it fixed the sand issue.

Curtis also provided a CIP project update. The SCADA project is moving along. They will be delivering a container to the job site on Wednesday. The WWTF Safety Improvement project is out to bid. Bids are due on Thursday.

Director Reports – Mr. Anderson inquired what kind of container would be brought out? Curtis was not sure. More than likely it's a shipping container that they will use as an office at the job site.

Action Items –

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in December were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.
- B) Curtis presented the quote from Foster's Pumps to redevelop Well 7. Work was done in October at Well 7 to correct the sand issue. The well was back online and good for a couple weeks. Cody then noticed that the filter was full of sand again. We backed up on the use of Well 7 and started using the Jake Well. Originally, we thought the sand was coming from the sounding hole tube and it was covered at that time. That was not the issue. The next step to try to correct this issue is to redevelop the well. The casing looks great from when we videoed the casing. We will have to determine where to discharge the water that will be pumped from the well. Curtis will have a conversation with a landowner nearby to see if it will be okay to pump water to an empty lagoon on their property. Staff recommended approval of the quote. Mr. Hilliard stated a test hole project needs to be put out to bid sooner than later. Mr. Anderson agreed. Mr. Gerdes is concerned that if we do find good water that new developers shouldn't have access to the water. Curtis stated the District would have to re-evaluate our system and see what would be available to new development based on the need of the current residences. Mr. Stuart Spencer stated the District would need to have clear guidelines if an emergency situation were to arise regarding Well 7. After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the quote from Foster's Pumps to redevelop Well 7.

Discussion Items –

- A) Curtis reported that we did hire Wendy Barros as the new Customer Service Representative. She started on December 5th. We look forward to working with her.
- B) Curtis informed the Board the District received two customer claims for property damage due to sand in the system. They have completed a claim for damages form and provided photos. The District does not currently have a policy on how to handle these types of claims. The Board may choose to decide on a case-by-case basis. Board determined to have legal counsel compose a letter to be sent to the two customers notifying them the District will be working on determining the process and make a decision.

Closed Session –

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 7:16 p.m. to conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 5496.8. Location: 19903 First Street.

Directors returned to Open Session at 7:16 p.m. Staff was given direction by the Board of Directors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Borges

Approved by:

Jim Jones

Board Member

1-3-23

Date