

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 1, 2025

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

Members Absent – None

Public in Attendance – Ms. Ruth Kaber.

..... **Action Items**

A motion to approve the Consent Items was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard.
Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: April 2025 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard.
Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the continuation of the emergency order the Board approved at the July 31, 2023, Board meeting, based on the conditions continue as per Resolution 565, was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the Extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Notice for Bloss Woods (Woods Investment, LLC., John Dennis) was made by David Anderson and seconded by Tony Salvador.
Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 580: A Resolution adopting the Hilmar County Water District Social Media Policy was made by Tony Salvador and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the agreement for the 2024/2025 Audit with Robert W. Johnson an Accountancy Corporation in the amount of \$11,650.00 and additional service of preparing the State Controller Financial Transaction Report in the amount of \$575.00 was made by David Anderson and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting – 04/01/25

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Jim Jones.

Consent Items – Curtis informed the Board there was a change to the Consent Items. As stated on the agenda, action item 6e Approval of Agreement for the 204/2025 audit, should state 2024/2025 Audit. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Items with the correction to Action Item 6e.

Public Forum – None.

District Manager's Report –

Curtis Jorritsma reported the water pumped for the month was 17.646 MG and we billed for 14.653 MG, resulting in a water loss of 15.45%. This resulted in a slightly higher water loss for the month. He also reported that the TSS average for March was 40.1mg/L and BOD was 35mg/L. He also reported that we continue to have issues with the Echo lift station. Echo and ESPS run together to pump the flow to the wastewater plant. Currently everything is being pumped through ESPS.

Curtis informed the Board the Consumer Confidence Report will be coming soon. We are considering the possibility of preparing the report in-house. Looking at various options. We have submitted the annual Electronic Annual Report (EAR). This is a comprehensive report on our water system for the State.

Curtis provided an update on the Well #8 construction. The well is under construction! The rain slowed down the progress, but overall things are going well.

Curtis provided a nitrate update. He stated once Well 8 is online we will explore into possibly getting a resolution for Well 7. The second column below reflects the results for Well 6 and the third column reflects the results for Well 7 and the last column reflects the results for the blend site at the TID Yard.

25-Feb	9.18	6.09		6.13
4-Mar	9.19	14.6		6.79
11-Mar	7.62	4.72		8.47
18-Mar	12	4.72		11.3
25-Mar				

Director Reports – None

Action Items –

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in April were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.
- B) Curtis stated the Board approved Resolution 565 – Finding an Emergency and Authorizing Abbreviated Emergency Procedures for Construction of a New Well on July 31, 2023. As part of this process, the Board needs to analyze the situation and determine if the situation still constitutes an emergency. After a brief discussion, the Board determined the conditions warrant to continue with an emergency order. A motion was made and seconded to continue with the emergency order.
- C) Curtis presented the extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Notice for Bloss Woods (Woods Investment, LLC., John Dennis). This project is one of two projects slated on Bloss Avenue. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Conditional Can and Will Service Notice.
- D) Curtis presented Resolution 580 to the Board. This resolution adopts the Hilmar County Water District Social Media Policy. A draft was presented at the March BOD meeting. Mr.

Stuart Spencer, legal counsel, looked over the policy and did not have any changes. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 580.

- E) Curtis presented the proposed agreement from Robert W. Johnson an Accountancy Corporation to prepare the 2024/2025 Audit and to prepare the State Controller Financial Transaction Report. This firm has been preparing our audits for the last few years and they are a good firm to work with. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agreement to prepare the audit in the amount of \$11,650.00 and prepare the State Controller Financial Transaction Report in the amount of \$575.00.

Discussion Items –

- A) Curtis stated that at the last meeting he presented the development flow chart, along with the list of all the current conditional can and will serve notices. Curtis reported that he did have a conversation with Mr. John Williams and with his attorney, Mr. Cashman. He informed them that the improvement plans were reviewed, and comments were sent to their engineer. Curtis also authorized our legal counsel, Mr. Stuart Spencer, to prepare the development agreement. Curtis did have a conversation with Mr. Bill Nicholson, from LAFCO, to discuss the process and to verify a timeline. From the time an application is submitted it could possibly be a four-month process. Since we are the lead agency, we would be the one submitting the application for annexation. Curtis plans to send a letter to all developers informing them of the status of the new well and the possibility of having enough capacity for their development. It will be up to each developer to determine if they would like to move forward with the process. If a developer chooses to move forward with the annexation process, it still DOES NOT guarantee there will be sufficient water availability for their project. That won't be determined until Well 8 is completed and determines the volume of water the well will produce.
- B) Curtis wanted to let the Board know that at the May meeting, he may be presenting up to three MOU's for Board approval. These Memorandum of Understanding legal documents will be between the Hilmar Unified School District, Turlock Golf Country Club, and the New Hilmar Community Pool Group.
- C) Curtis stated, now that Well 8 is underway, we are going to need to take on debt at some point. He plans to provide different financial scenarios at the next board meeting. We continue to work with the state regarding SRF grants.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:25 p.m. to update the real property negotiations per Government Code Section 54956.8. Location:045-200-033.

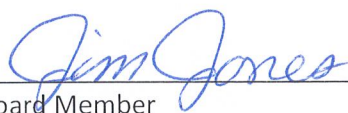
Directors returned to the open session at 6:33 p.m.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:


Board Member


Date