

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 6, 2021

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

Members absent – None.

Public in Attendance – Roman Acosta with JB Anderson.

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**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: July 2021 was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the extension of Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for Poquito Lakes Project (Poquito Lakes – JKB Homes) was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Alvares. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the extension of Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for 19465 American Avenue (Edward R. Ellington and Barbara J. Ellington) was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 544, A Resolution Adopting Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 545, A Resolution Adopting Ordinance No. 2021-1 To Adjust the Monthly Water and Sewer Rates and Charges: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF THE HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CODE TO ADJUST THE MONTHLY SEWER AND WATER RATES AND CHARGES was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by David Alvares. Motion passed 5-0.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by President Jim Jones.

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

**Public Forum** – None.

**District Manager’s Report** –

Curtis Jorritsma reported the total water pumped for the month of June was 39.653 million gallons. The Woody Well has been working hard with not much breaks. The water percentage loss for the month of June was 1.2%. TSS was 49.9mg/L and BOD was 26.5mg/L at the WWTF. The TSS reflects 9.9mg/L above the state standard. The heat wave could be the cause for the spike. We continue to do the best we can

at the plant. We will continue to work on how to avoid the spikes in the summer time. Mr. Gerdes asked the question, as to when we might be changing the watering schedule to two days a week. Curtis stated the State has not mandated any additional water restrictions at this point. The District will continue to monitor water use.

Curtis reported he had the 60-day review with Zac Vasquez. He is on call for the first time this week.

Curtis informed the Board he's working with the Technical Advisory Team Council for Watershed Health – USEPA Grant Funding for Prop 1 Storm Water Recharge Project. He reminded the Board that in November 2019, we submitted an application for funding through Prop 1. Our application was not approved for the Prop 1 funding. Curtis received a call from the State Board notifying him he would be getting a call from Technical Advisory Board as they were interested in our application. This could give the District the possibility at looking at the WWTF, and the Drainage Basin on Kapor regarding treated wastewater and storm drain runoff and possibly even partner with Turlock Country Club. He met with Dr. Elswick (??) on Monday and gave her a tour of our facilities. Curtis plans to schedule a conference call with our engineer and Dr. Elswick for next week. Mr. Alvares stated it's great to have these types of discussions regarding various options. Curtis also stated he has been in contact with Adam Gray's office regarding potential funding for the upcoming Water Tank Project from the infrastructure funding. The desire would be to reduce costs and move up delivery of the tank project from FY 23-24. He will call his contact at Adam Grays office once the Board approves the rate changes. Curtis will need to provide a one to two-page summary report identifying the need for a water tank. Mr. Gray is a strong supporter of water projects.

Curtis reported he received a call last Friday from Cody Bettencourt, regarding Well #7 (Woody) started to make sounds like last year. That's when it started to pump sand. Curtis directed Cody to just keep a close eye on it and keep it running and we will wait until winter time to inspect it. Mr. Hilliard, has a big concern with our water situation, if Well #7 goes down. What options would the District have if Well #7 were to go down? Option would be to use the Jake Well and we would need to have a water treatment process to avoid high arsenic levels.

**Director Reports** – Mr. Hilliard inquired if the District would be able to send reminder notices regarding watering schedule. Notices were sent with April's billing statements. Mr. Alvares inquired if there's any funding for water conservation landscaping that would be beneficial to customers. The District does not know of any funding programs.

#### **Public Hearing for Adoption of Proposed District Budget for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

The Public Hearing to adopt the proposed District Budget for 2021/2022 fiscal year has been legally noticed in the Hilmar Times and posted at three sites in Hilmar. We received no written comments and there were no comments from those present. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.

#### **Action Items –**

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in July were presented and a motion was made and seconded to pay them.

- B) Curtis presented the request to extend the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for Poquito Lakes Project (Poquito Lakes – JKB Homes). As with the other subdivisions, the District does not have water for the project. Mr. Roman Acosta was present if the Board had any questions. Staff recommends approving the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for 12 months. The project is for 103 apartments which equals to 86 equivalent residential units. A motion was made and seconded to extend the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter.
- C) Curtis presented the request to extend the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for 19465 American Avenue (Edward R. Ellington and Barbara J. Ellington). There's one remaining lot to be developed for one water connection and 2 sewer connections includes one for the current residence. Staff recommends approving the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for 12 months. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter.
- D) Curtis presented Resolution No. 544, a Resolution Adopting Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. Curtis presented the final draft of the budget. The budget does include salary increases. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 544.
- E) Curtis presented Resolution No. 545, a Resolution Adopting Ordinance No. 2021-1 to Adjust the Monthly Water and Sewer Rates and Charges: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF THE HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CODE TO ADJUST THE MONTHLY SEWER AND WATER RATES AND CHARGES. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 545.

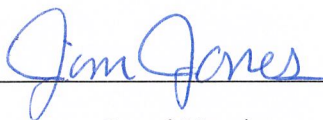
**Discussion Items – None**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:



Board Member



Date