

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 1, 2020

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

Members absent – None.

Public in Attendance – Mr. David Alvares.

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**Action Items**

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

A motion to approve Bills Payable: September 2020 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for Mike Wadsworth – Wadsworth Properties Limited Partnership was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 5-0.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:58 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 Jake Well has been our lead well. The Woody Well did pump 14 MG based on use from July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> and the Jake Well pumped 26 MG. The percentage loss for the month was 4.29%. This is typical for the summer months. Our average flow at the WWTF was 306,000 gallons per day and our total flow for the month was 9.511 MG. We continue to work on the BOD and TSS results. We are still working on running test of the maturation ponds.

Curtis reported Foster’s Pump has started putting the Woody Well back together. The goal is to have it wrapped up on Wednesday. Since the well has been down for a significant amount of time, we will flush and test in hopes of getting it back online by the weekend. When the Jake Well is the lead well there’s always the possibility of the arsenic levels going up. Overall for the month, the level remained below the limit of 10mg/l. Curtis did have a conversation with Spencer Supinger regarding short term treatment options and the consensus was there’s no really good short term solution. It would be better to invest in a long term plan. We will wait for the Master Plan results before deciding what to do next.

Curtis informed the Board effective today, September 1<sup>st</sup> the District office door is unlocked during regular office hours. He also stated, the annual audit was done last week. Things looked good. Kelly

with the auditing firm, did state it's nice to come into a District where things are in order. Curtis thanked Dina and Diane for their hard work.

Curtis reported California has cancelled all operator exams for this fall. They are working towards a computer-based testing model that should be available in early 2021.

Curtis informed the Board that Mr. Anderson was kind enough to have someone from his office come to the District office, take some measurements, and provide some potential layout adjustments. A couple of samples were provided to the Board.

Curtis reported the deadline to sign up to run for the Board was August 7<sup>th</sup>. We did have two individuals sign up and they are Mr. Jim Jones and Mr. David Alvares. Mr. Joe Sequeira decided to not run again. He will serve until the December meeting. We appreciate all the years of service Mr. Sequeira has provided the District and we welcome Mr. Alvares to the Board.

**Directors Reports** – Mr. Frank Hilliard stated we as the Board need to have a serious conversation regarding a new well and tank project. Curtis stated the Master Plan will breakdown in what order things may need to be done.

#### **Action Items –**

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in September 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 Mike Wadsworth – Wadsworth Properties Limited Partnership. This project is on the South end of town past Geer Avenue. Mr. Wadsworth has submitted the tentative map to the County and is waiting on the County. Staff recommends approving the extension of the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter for 12 months. A motion was made and seconded to extend the Conditional Can and Will Serve Letter.

#### **Discussion Items –**

- A) Curtis presented the timeline of the Master Plan and a sample of what a master plan document will look like. As per the time line, we should have a draft copy of the master plan on September 21<sup>st</sup> and the final at the beginning of November.
- B) Well 7 update was discussed under the District Manager's Report.

#### **Closed Session**

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 8:09 to conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: APN 015-015-024.

Directors returned to Open Session at 8:23 p.m. Staff was given direction by the Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Burgs

Approved by:

Jim Jones

Board Member

10-6-20

Date