

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 3, 2024

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

Members Absent – Tony Salvador.

Public in Attendance – Ms. Ruth Kaber and Mr. Rick Ellington.

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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 4-0.

A motion to table the Directors Organizational Proceedings was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: December 2024 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

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 David Anderson and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the Conditional Can and Will Service Notice for Dolores Ramos was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the Can & Will Serve Commitment Notice for Four (4) EDUs and Approval of Revised Conditional Can and Will Service Notice for the Remaining Three (3) EDUs for Hector Ramos was made by Frank Hilliard and seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by David Anderson to move forward with the purchase of Location 045-200-033 and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 4-0.

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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** – Ms. Ruth Kaber stated she liked the newsletter; it was informative. She inquired regarding PFA's, the new rage in water quality. Curtis stated this is something we are watching. PFA's are literally in everything. Due to our disadvantaged status, the EPA is arranging sampling next week for PFA's. Once we receive the results, we will identify the next steps.

**Directors Organizational Proceedings Conducted by District Secretary –**

- A) Curtis Jorritsma presented the steps to nominate a Board President, a Board Vice-President, and the Board Secretary. Mr. Frank Hilliard made a motion to table this item to have all board members present for this process. Mr. Dave Anderson inquired after the motion was made, if the current officers object to keeping their current roles? They all stated no.

**District Manager’s Report –**

Curtis Jorritsma reported that the water loss for the month of November was only .46%. Water pumped for the month was 21.617 MG and we billed for 21.517 MG. He also reported that the TSS average for November was 31.9mg/L and BOD was 90mg/L. Curtis stated since the first rain the BOD has continued to rise. The Echo lift station is still offline. Cody tried to fix it but it’s still having issues.

Curtis provided an update on the Nitrate exceedance. He reported that we have submitted the corrective action plan. The results for November are below:

Lab	Day	Date	Well 6	Well 7	Nyman Blend	TID Yard
GEO	<b>Tues</b>	<b>5-Nov</b>	1.7	7.45		8.75
GEO	<b>Tues</b>	<b>12-Nov</b>	1.17	<b>23.6</b>		6.78
GEO	<b>Tues</b>	<b>19-Nov</b>	1.34			5.28
GEO	<b>Tues</b>	<b>26-Nov</b>	1.2	<b>24.6</b>		9.04

Curtis reported the invitation to bidders for the Well #8 project will be going out on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The bid due date will be January 9<sup>th</sup>. The engineers are working to finalize the bid requirements and integrating the SCADA into the project.

Curtis informed the Board that Safety World provided CPR training for our employees and three board members. It was good training. Curtis also stated that the first Quarterly newsletter from the District was sent out to all customers.

At this time, Ms. Ruth Kaber inquired about obtaining a subterrain map that would reflect how water flows. Curtis recommended to look at the West Turlock Subbasin website. She also inquired about whether the District uses reclaimed sewer water. Curtis stated the design of our plant is a biological perk pond plant, where it goes back into the ground. We do not currently use reclaimed sewer water.

Mr. Anderson requested to possibly find out why our wells have a bigger capacity compared to Delhi County, who have more wells at smaller capacity.

**Director Reports – None**

Dina reminded those board members who have not yet completed the Sexual Harassment Prevention and Ethics Training, to please do so.

**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 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 Conditional Can and Will Service Notice for Dolores Ramos. Mrs. Ramos is working on the planning of said parcel. Our Conditional Can & Will Serve Notice states our rules to reach the development process in the District. We are not authorizing her to build. This will allow her to design her project and have it be able to be presented to Merced County. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Conditional Can and Will Service Notice.
- D) Curtis informed the Board that Mr. Hector Ramos is ready to move forward to the next phase of building 4 EDUs at his project on Dayton Avenue. This would constitute to have a Can & Will Serve Commitment Notice for four (4) EDUs and revise the current Conditional Can and Will Service Notice for the remaining three (3) EDUs. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Can & Will Serve Commitment Notice for Four (4) EDUs and Approval of Revised Conditional Can and Will Service Notice for the Remaining Three (3) EDUs for Hector Ramos.

**Discussion Items –**

- A) Curtis provided a copy of the corrective action plan as discussed in the District Managers Report. He has submitted the plan to the State.

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 6:17 p.m. to update the real property negotiations per Government Code Section 54956.8. Location:045-200-033.

Directors returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to go ahead with the purchase of location 045-200-033.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Doria Borges*

Approved by:

*Jim Jones*

Board Member

*1-7-25*

Date