

**Merquin County Water District**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, May 25, 2022

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merquin County Water District called to order in regular session at 19684 Second Ave., Stevenson, California at 6:00 p.m.

Present were, President Freddy Oliveira, Director Adam Azevedo, Director Rosemary Ouse, Director Danny Drumonde, absent Director Phil Does.

**MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of May 10, 2022**

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse approving the minutes of May 10, 2022. With a correction in District Engineers comments to Lafco reporting three full time employees and two part time employees.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS**

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse, approving the list of warrants \$11,555.24. Well #14 is billed for January thru April 2022.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION ACCEPTING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES**

None

**MOTION APPROVING ENTITLEMENT APPLICATIONS**

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving the Entitlement Applications.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING PRIORITY WELL USE AGREEMENTS FOR MININGER FARMS, A.V. THOMAS, CT&R FARMS AND JUAN CONTRERAS.**

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving Well use Agreements for Mininger Farms. A.V. Thomas, CT&R Farms, and Juan Contreras.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**DISCUSSION/ACTION OF QUOTE FOR TREE REMOVAL ON KEATON ROAD AND FOURTH AVE.**

Quotes presented to the MCWD Board from Ericks Tree Services and Tree Guys. Motion to accept the quote from Erick J Tree Services.

**Motion approving Resolution No. 2022-01- Resolution for public office for three board seats.**

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving Resolution No 2022-01 Resolution for Public Office for Three board seats. Approval with correction of election date on Resolution. See Resolution attached.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

Dave Nervino had a question on the 218 votes. The district has 9,961 acres assessed in the District. 218's GSA is only sending out and doing billings on irrigated land. The 218 is based on irrigated/non irrigated land. What about the landowners paying the assessment will they be billed and pay the fees? David Hobbs stated the GSA should be doing the tracking.

Frank Amaral commented the pricing of water should be billed on tier system. Jamie interjected and stated the board had said the price of water was to be \$32.50 across the board. President Oliviera stated if water usage is over 36 inches the price needs to increase.

Dave Nervino stated sometime prior to next water season have a discussion on water allotments.

Frank stated CCID has a policy that a private well owner can pump into the canal and get credit for acre-feet credit.

**OFFICE/MAINTENANCE**

**Office**

ELPP program from PG&E, Jamie would like board permission to sign up for the program. In 2000 Highline special assessment fund generated in Merced County, \$145.00 on the books in Merced County. Director Azevedo stated that fund was set up for the improvement district, so that fund belongs to the irrigators that set up the Improvement District. Jamie addressed the item of MCWD website and reminded the board when the website was set up the board chose to keep it limited. President Oliviera needs to go to West America Bank.

**Maintenance**

Jimmy reported well #3 motor bearing went out Shannon pump will replace it. Jimmy was running all wells last week, even Modesto Properties well. Modesto Property well pumped this winter was 2,481.42 acre-feet. There was a blowout on the Green Ditch it has been corrected. Director Drumonde asked who put boards on the side gate to take water on the green ditch? Jimmy stated it was the Stevinson Water District, Director Drumonde said that is not right, Jimmy stated he had told them, and they didn't want to install a valve. Director Drumonde stated to send them a letter to install a valve.

Director Drumonde asked about Hotel behind the fire station to have the ditch corrected. Jamie responded two letters have been sent, a response has not been received.

Jimmy stated he was told Stevinson Water District requested their Ditch tender to not give MCWD any water over the daily average.