

Merquin County Water District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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

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

Add a motion item 6a to agenda.

MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of August 24, 2022

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving the minutes of August 24, 2022

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving the list of warrants \$119,892.13

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

None

Eric Swenson-District Engineer

1. Discussion/Action: Enhanced Website for MCWD.

Motion approving Eric Swenson to contact Dutch House Media to design website for MCWD

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving District Engineer to contact Dutch House Media to design website for MCWD

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Discussion/Action: Water program.

Discussed the possibility of designing a water program in either Excel or Quick books.

3. Discussion/Action: Planned cancelation of stormwater services.

Motion approving District Engineer to draft a letter to MCPW to discontinue MCWD as a Storm Water Drainage District.

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving District Engineer draft a letter to MCPW to discontinue MCWD as a Storm Water Drainage District.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Discussion/Action: Annual District insurance renewal.

pump was installed to push it into the river, the same thing at Fremont and west of SWD office (Hatfield).

MCWD is obligated to pay for fifty percent to get rid of the water in a wet year if pumps have to be used or pay for the electricity on it and maintain it.

Frank stated there is a contract for it.

The community in town do not pay taxes to MCWD because you cannot use irrigation water to irrigate a township, The specific Urban Development Plan of Stevinson (the town proper) and deleted it from the property tax role.

A test well was dug at one time to provide water for that community, it was dug on the canal to provide public water, but it failed because the towns people were against it.

Bobby Kelley stated Public Works has a long-term plan to put public sidewalks all the way to the school, but they will not do it unless they get the storm drainage issue resolved.

Frank stated Lloyd Pereira had stated the plan is to resurface Third Ave from Hwy 165 to Rosa Rd.

President Oliviera stated to talk with Public Works to find out what they have planned. Director Drumonde stated to hold off of the letter to MCPW, Director Azevedo said to send the letter.

OFFICE

Crystal reported she and David Farnsworth did the audit.

Crystal reported she has new Invoice templates, completed invoices from June, July and August and sent them out. Priority Use Invoices were completed and sent out also.

Office hours updated to reflect Mon-Thurs 9 am-2 pm

Crystal picked up the liens from Merced County on file for review and updating. Crystal inquired if the board would like the water invoices to be billed on the 15th and the last day of the month? The board replied to keep invoices at once per month. The irrigation season is ending, can continue discussion in the future.

Crystal reported she received a rebate check from Anthem, the board of directors authorized her to deposit it into West America Bank account.

Maintenance

Jimmy reported the water flows continue to be in good standing. Pumps are being shut down, using all canal water at this time.

Director Drumonde mentioned some leaks on the Storke, Jimmy reported some on Nelander and road crossing at Keaton as well.

Discussion off season water prices, requested it be an agenda item for meeting September 28,2022.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde to adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously