

**Merquin County Water District**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

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 6:00 p.m.

Present were, President Adam Azevedo, Vice President Freddy Oliviera, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Phil Dores, Absent: Director Rick Jones

President called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

**Motion added to agenda approving Drip Irrigator plan of operation and priority well use agreement or Mininger Farms**

**Motion approving addition to Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2024**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Phil Dores approving Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2024.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion approving list of warrants for April 9, 2024**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Phil Dores, approving list of warrants in the amount of \$15,741.07.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion approving checking account expenditures for April 9, 2024  
None**

**Motion approving Entitlement List 2024**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Phil Dores, approving Entitlement List for 2024.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion approving RLA for Structure of 30 inch canal gate for Joey Lewis**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Phil Dores, approving RLA for a four foot square box with a 30 inch canal gate for Joey Lewis.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion approving Drip System Irrigator plan of Operation and priority use agreement for Mininger Farms.**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Phil Dores, approving Drip System Irrigators plan of Operation and priority use agreement for Minerger Farms.

Motion Carried Unanimously

### CORRESPONDENCE

None

**Dave Nervino-** Review of MSGSA Presentation of Ground Water Pumping Allocations from MCWD Meeting March 27, 2024, and Eric Swenson presentation.

Dave Nervino asked if there were any questions regarding the MSGSA meeting of March 27, 2024.

There is a MSGSA meeting on April 11, 2024, this will be the first board meeting Dave Nervino will hold a seat.

President Azevedo asked with the ET, is there an accounting platform being built?

Blake Nervino stated the accounting platform is in the process of being designed. Mike Brasil and Stevinson Water District are testing it.

Mr. Kelly stated, "farmers need to sign up for the ground water accounting platform, to get their acreage put in their account to allow for the management of their acreage" Acreage will be evaluated using the ground water accounting platform.

Blake Nervino stated this year 2024 is a test year and signups will need to be in 2025. In 2026 the GSA will be using the ground water accounting platform

Mr. Kelly stated Greg Young will hold a meeting at SWD Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to discuss bullet points. MSGSA requested discussion and resolution for the request for the removal of MCWD and SWD from the GSA.

District Engineer: Not in attendance.

### MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Danny Machado reported he has been in contact with Merced County Road Division regarding the repaving, new curbs, and sidewalks of Third Ave. in Stevinson, from the Catholic Church up to Merquin Elementary School on the north side of the street. In addition, the County plans to minimize ~~As well as~~ the standing water by the Post Office and the street. Merced County Road Division is waiting for MCWD to make determination on what action they are willing ~~to work with~~ to take in regards to increased storm water flows.

Danny Machado will donate his time to evaluate the Bull Fight run, the school run and across the street to Cal Trans.

Director Phil Dores was appointed to work with Danny Machado coordinating work specifications.

Danny Machado stated Jimmy requested him to look at Joey Lewis project, he stated the four by four foot square box with a canal gate would be the correct way to proceed.

Danny Machado stated he is installing solar panels on his property, the well easement with MCWD is 50x50 ft for the easement, Danny is offering to help the District change the easement for the well, which would also give the District more area for the easement. Danny offered to work with MCWD in modifying the easements of the well.

President Azevedo stated MCWD will need to contact Engineer Garth Pecchenino for drawing and legal description.

President Azevedo stated District Engineer Eric Swenson will work on a as needed basis only, primary function will be to work on the development of the MCWD/SWD GSA formation.

President Azevedo stated Eric Swenson notified him they are ready to begin the new well. Eric will be getting the bids and also get the bid for the pole.

#### **OFFICE**

Crystal reported service issues with the phone system and the internet being down periodically, she is working with Cal-Net to resolve this issue. Market invoices have been mailed out.

#### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

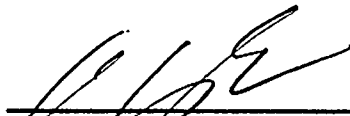
Jimmy reported 155.19Af March water purchases from SWD. The meter on well #7R is installed.

McDonald pipeline has a leak, AllPro will be in to fix it.

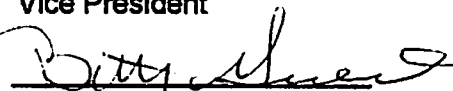
#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Phil Dores to Adjourn

Motion Carried Unanimously

  
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Adam Azevedo  
President

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Freddy Oliviera  
Vice President

  
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Betty Guest  
Secretary