

Merquin County Water District

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

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 6:00 p.m.

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

Added Motion 9A to agenda to: Closed session, Potential Litigation.

Item A: Public Hearing on Proposed Water Standby Assessment Increase

- (1) President opens public hearing – time for submitting ballots is closed.
- (2) President directs Secretary of the Board to count and validate ballots received.
- (3) Recess to count and validate ballots received.
- (4) Reopen public hearing and Board Secretary declares the result of canvass of ballots received.
- (5) Receive any public comment. - No Public Comments
- (6) Close public hearing.
- (7) If there is no valid majority protest, the Board can proceed to Item B.

Ballot count results were 3,862.23 Acres 69.5 % favorable: 1,729.63 Acres 30.93% unfavorable.

Item B. Consideration and Approval of MCWD Resolution No. 2023- 4, Declaring and Confirming Results of Balloted Proposition 218 Proceeding and Approving Increased Water Standby Assessment and Related Actions.

**Motion Approving Resolution No 2023-4 Increased Water Standby Assessment.
Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Fred Oliviera, approving Resolution 2023-4**

Board Poll: Ayes – Danny Drumonde; Phil Dores; Rick Jones; Adam Azevedo; and Freddy Oliviera.

**Noes: None
Absent: None**

Motion Carried Unanimously

Item C. Consideration and Approval of MCWD Resolution No. 2023- 5, Setting the Amount of Water Standby Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Motion Approving Resolution No 2023-5 Fixing Water Standby Assessment for fiscal year 2023-2024 at an additional \$2/acre (\$11.00)/acre total increase.

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Fred Oliviera, approving Resolution 2023-4

Board Poll: Ayes – Danny Drumonde; Phil Dores; Rick Jones: Adam Azevedo; and Freddy Oliviera.

Noes: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing for 218 closed.

MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of July 26, 2023

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Freddy Oliviera approving minutes of June 28, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Freddy Oliviera approving the list of warrants \$113,393.65.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

None

Correspondence

None

Civil Engineer Eric Swenson:

- 1. Discussion/Action:** District office painting and exterior repair - A second proposal from Mirage Painting in the amount of \$14,950 was presented. Discussion regarding using MCWD staff to complete repair of building siding prior to painting after water season. – Action was tabled for discussion at a later meeting.
- 2. Discussion/Action:** Update MCWD 2023-2027 Budget if needed:
District Engineer – The Standby Assessment passed therefore staff needs direction for the next (3) three years to develop the next 218 increase for Assessment rates. The Board gave direction for the upcoming (3) years to increase by \$2.00/acre each year.
- 3. Discussion/Action:** Execute Resolution supporting future completion of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Stevinson Water District and Merquin County Water District. This item was removed from the agenda.

MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Mr. Kelley commented on Budgeting for the 218 Water rate increase.

OFFICE
None

Maintenance

Machado Backhoe changed the valve at the end of the Straight, this gate connects the Straight to the Storke.

Shannon Pump videoed wellsite #15, everything looked good. An estimate was presented to the Board for pulling and reinstalling the bowl. The Board approved the estimate.

ADDITION: MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde adding closed session pending Litigation.

Motion carried Unanimously.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

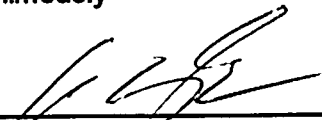
Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Director Rick Jones to Return to open Session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

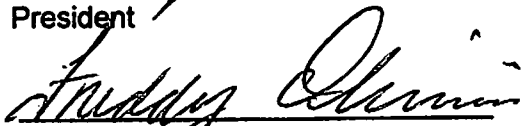
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Director Rick Jones to Adjourn.


Motion Carried Unanimously



Adam Azevedo
President



Freddy Oliviera
Vice President



Betty Guest
Secretary