

Merquin County Water District

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 28, 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 Adam Azevedo, Vic President Freddy Oliveira, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Phil Dores, Director Rick Jones.

MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of December 13, 2022

Tabled

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving the list of warrants \$12,247.75.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Phil Dores approving Checking Account expenditures. Check #1155 to Steve's Muffler and Tire for \$553.96.

Motion Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Vote/Motion approving Resolution 2022-5 Notice of Appointing Representatives to approve Financial Transactions performed by Merquin County Water District.

Vote taken: **Ayes 5**; President Freddy Oliveira, Vice President Adam Azevedo, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Phil Dores, Director Rick Jones.

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Motion approving Resolution 2022-5 Notice of Appointing Representatives to approve Financial Transactions performed by Merquin County Water District.

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Phil Dores approving Resolution 2022-5.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Vote/Motion approving Resolution 2022-6 Notice of Appointing Custodians and Signatories for Merquin County Water District.

Vote taken: Ayes 5; President Freddy Oliveira, Vice President Adam Azevedo, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Phil Dores, Director Rick Jones.

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Motion approving Resolution 2022-6 Notice of Appointing Custodians and Signatories for Merquin County Water District.

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Phil Dores approving Resolution 2022-6.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion approving the issuance of a credit card from West America Bank

Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving the issuance of a credit card from West America Bank.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion accepting Anthem Blue Cross Insurance renewal.

Crystal provided copies of changes in the policy to the board for their review and approval.

Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Director Rick Jones accepting Anthem Blue Cross Insurance renewal.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion/Action AT&T First Net Program.

AT&T First Net Program was discussed and accepted.

Moved by Vice President Fred Oliviera, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde accepting AT&T First Net Program.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Eric Swenson-District Engineer. Not in attendance.

1. Discussion/Action: Upgraded MCWD website is now live on the internet.
2. Discussion/Action: Update on Coehlo Well and well easement.
Test hole will be drilled after January 2, 2023
3. Discussion/Action: Update on Vierra Well and well easement.
Test hole has been drilled.

MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Mr. Kelley requested the current status of the storm water agreement with Merced County. Vice President Freddy Oliviera reported he had met with Merced County; they are requesting MCWD remain as custodians of the storm water drainage. It will be a topic on the January 10, 2023 MCWD agenda.

Danny Machado reported the Third Avenue drain needs to be reopened, to allow the water to drain.

Doug Wells, Priority Well Use Agreement is there a clause in the agreement that states it cannot be honored in a drought season, because the district is still trying to get water to all customers. Jimmy reported there were not any issue this last season, everyone received their allotments. MCWD received all their allotment. Mr. Kelley is doing development on the West side of Van Clief, will that affect water down the Highline? The board stated that is in District should not be an issue.

Doug wells inquired about drivable lateral banks, what are the easements? The board stated they are descriptive rights. Jimmy said work is in progress to improve the drive ability to allow for maintenance.

Larry Matos said he did not attend the last GSA meeting, what decision was made, where do we stand as a board on the 218. Adam Azevedo stated if you receive surface water you can not apply to fallow ground, although you do have to pay into it.

Discussion on the GSA for both Stevinson and MCWD. Proposed meetings to discuss future GSA decisions.

OFFICE

1. Crystal reported to change from Retirement account to Nationwide from (AIG).
2. Crystal reported Eric Swenson has requested to have Zoom available in our local area.
3. Crystal will be taking over the excel files for Eric Swenson
4. Crystal signed Jimmy up for a class at Merced College for an AutoCAD class.
5. Crystal will be purchasing an iPad for Jimmy.

The board discussed the training for Jimmy, they agreed that Jimmy can attend a Tech College and the District to pay for the classes.

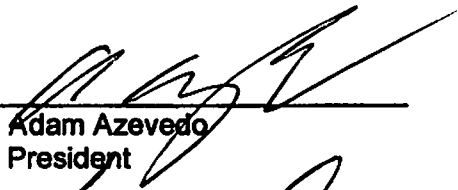
Maintenance

Repairs on Koch, Nelander and Hotel finished. Starting on Storke and pumping on the Spole.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Motion Carried Unanimously



Adam Azevedo
President



Freddy Oliveira
Vice President



Betty Guest
Secretary