

HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 3, 2023

Members Present – Jim Jones, David Anderson, Jim Gerdes, Tony Salvador and Frank Hilliard. (Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Salvador via teleconferencing).

Members Absent – None

Public in Attendance – None.

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Action Items

A motion to approve the Consent Items Minus Item D was made by David Anderson and seconded by Jim Gerdes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve Bills Payable: January 2023 was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Frank Hilliard. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to reject all bids for TF-01: WWTF Safety Improvements Project was made by Jim Gerdes and seconded by Tony Salvador. Motion passed 5-0.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by President Jim Jones.

Consent Items – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Items minus Item D.

Public Forum – None.

District Manager’s Report –

Curtis reported the water loss for December was 7.91%. The total water pumped was 15.946MG and billed for 14.684MG. The TSS and BOD results for December were close to the State standards. TSS was 43mg/L and BOD was 45mg/L. We are still waiting for one week of results from the lab. The max flow at the plant was .344MG and the average flow was .293MG.

Curtis provided a status update on Well 7. Curtis had provided a video to the Board members the prior week reflecting the progress of the pumping of the water from Well 7. At the beginning of the process the water was very grey and as the process continued the water cleared up. Last week they pumped at a high rate and the water remained clear. That’s a great sign that the process of settling the gravel pack may have fixed the issue. Foster’s Pump finished putting the well back together yesterday and today we dosed the well with chlorine and will be taking water samples. Once we receive the results and the results meet the water standards, we will get the well back online.

Curtis reported we have received around 3 inches of rain through today. Forecasters are calling for another 10 days of rain events. Our system has ran great. If the rain is sustained and not too heavy our

system can handle it. Curtis stated the on-call personnel have done a great job in maintaining the street gutters and avoiding flooding.

Director Reports – Mr. Gerdes inquired as to why the district is called Hilmar County Water District when we are not a county. Mr. Stuart Spencer replied there are different types of water providers. For example, irrigation districts, CA water district etc. When Hilmar was formed it was formed as a “County water district”. It’s the type of entity and the type of authority statute we follow.

Action Items –

- A) The bills that are due to be paid in January were presented. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills presented.
- B) Curtis presented the bid results for the TF-01: WWTF Safety Improvements Project. We only received one bid. The bid was from GSE Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$647,700.00. This would include installing cat walks across the algae settling ponds, redo entry gates to the plant, electrical components, concrete work, and a tower to bounce internet from the corporation yard. Knowing what we budgeted for this project, staff recommended rejecting the bid and exploring the possibility of breaking out the project. After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to reject all bids. Mr. Hilliard stated that the District has had these plans for several years and wants to make sure that these safety improvements still go forward as the process of using a boat at the ponds is a great liability to the District.

Discussion Items –

- A) Curtis presented the renewal proposal from Winton Ireland Strom & Green for our commercial business liability and auto and umbrella policy. We also requested a quote from SDRMA and their quote was higher than Winton Ireland Strom & Green. The premium for 2023/2024 is 12.54% higher than 2022/2023. The premium does reflect another employee and the auto claims the District has experienced. We continue to have a good relationship with Winton-Ireland, Strom & Green and staff recommends renewing the policy with them.

Closed Session –

The Directors Convened to Closed Session at 5:59 p.m. to conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 5496.8. Location: 19903 First Street and Location: TBD, Potential Test Well Sites.

Directors returned to Open Session at 6:33 p.m. Staff was given direction by the Board of Directors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Approved by:

Jim Jones

Board Member

2-7-23

Date