

MINUTES
MILLVIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

Call to Order: 5:03 p.m.

Directors Present:

President, Kenneth Budrow

Director, Jeanne Metcalf

Vice President, Jerry Cardoza

Director, James Green

Director, Weldon Jones

Others Present: GM, Jared Walker

Office Manager, Liz Patton

Secretary, Kate Barrett

Attorney, Chris Neary

Russian River Flood Control: GM, Beth Salomone

Public Expression - Non-Agenda Items:

Beth Salomone, Russian River Flood Control GM, expressed gratitude towards GM, Walker for all the hard work he is doing for the districts. Ms. Salomone also reported that she is working with a team to campaign for public outreach about conserving water.

(6:40 p.m.) Beth Salomone reported that she got a call from the Governor's office. Governor Gavin Newsom is coming to Lake Mendocino on April 21, 2021 for a press conference regarding an executive order on drought.

Consider hearing of urgent items received since the Agenda was posted:

Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Director Cardoza, to add Well 3 Filtration to the agenda under New Business and Wording on Bills to the agenda under Managers Report. This vote was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

1. Approval of Agenda

Director Jones made a motion, seconded by Director Cardoza, to approve the agenda as modified. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

2. Approval of Financials for March 2021

Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Director Green, to approve the financials for March 2021. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

3. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting March 16, 2021

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Metcalf, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2021 as corrected. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

4. General Managers Report

GM, Walker reported that we are preparing to test pump Well 3 and if all the tests go well, then it will be a prominent source for pumping.

GM, Walker noted that Millview has not had a rate increase since January 2011. GM, Walker suggested getting a rate study done. Director Cardoza suggested bringing this item back after the Masonite project is completed and later this fall after the drought situation.

Wording on Bills

Director Green noted that the wording on the water bills was incorrect and would like to make sure something is being done about it. GM, Walker reported that he has talked to staff and will make sure they are correct next time.

5. Office Managers Report

None.

6. Request water service to Vineyard Crossing Subdivision

GM, Walker reported that he had a phone call with Guillon Construction, but there is no news to update on this project.

7. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency

GM, Walker reported that the board was updated on the drought and there was conversation about consolidation efforts among the districts.

8. Well 35 Filtration Project

GM, Walker reported that the project is continuing, and staff is on track to get filtration by June or July of this year.

9. Update on Drought and Water Conservation

GM, Walker reported that all water rights are being curtailed this year, however, the state is willing to work with our area with water conservation planning. Willow County Water District is starting with a voluntary 40% reduction; Redwood Valley County Water District has shut off its ag customers and 50 gallons of water per person per day for residential; Calpella County Water District is also going to go to 50 gallons of water per person per day.

Staff recommends that the districts adopt a similar, if not the same, resolution as the other districts.

Director Cardoza agreed and noted that the districts should be a unified front and have a voluntary 40% reduction.

Director Green stated that having a uniform message would be great, and it is critical for the valley to be a unified front.

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Metcalf, to authorize a voluntary water conservation measure to reduce water usage by 40% and to have GM, Walker set a public hearing at a time deemed appropriate. This motion was passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Budrow, Cardoza, Metcalf, Green, Jones

Noes: -0-

Abstain: -0-

Absent: -0-

10. Telstar Instruments Revised Quote - SCADA Upgrade

GM, Walker reported that Telstar gives really good service, but that good service comes with a steeper price.

Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Director Cardoza, to approve Telstar's quote for \$40,781.00. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

11. SHN Proposal for Preparation of CEQA Initial Study for Annexation of Former Masonite Properties

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Jones, to approve SHN proposal for preparation of CEQA initial study in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

12. Legal Counsel Report

Chris Neary, Attorney, noted that there will be a new agenda item for next month.

13. Directors Report

- Director Jones noted that Lake Mendocino looks miserable and was wondering if there has been any further discussion of new tanks.
 - GM, Walker reported that the temporary tank for the one in Deerwood is being dropped off sometime next week.
- Director Green reported that he had missed the Upper Russian River Water Agency.
- Director Metcalf reported that she knows the Mayor. If we want him to come to a meeting, she can get a hold of him.

14. Closed Session

The Board did not adjourn into closed session.

15. Adjourn Meeting

Director Jones made a motion, seconded by Director Green, to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Kenneth Budrow - Board President
Millview County Water District

Date _____

Attest: _____
Kate Barrett - Board Secretary

Date _____