

**MINUTES
MILLVIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Directors Present:

President, Kenneth Budrow
Vice President, Jerry Cardoza

Director, Jeanne Metcalf
Director, Michael DeMartini

Absent:

Director, Weldon Jones

Others Present: GM, Jared Walker
Office Manager, Liz Patton
Secretary, Kate Barrett

Attorney, Chris Neary
City of Ukiah, Phil Williams
RRFC, Al White, Chris Watt

Public Expression - Non-Agenda Items:

- None.

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

None

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Hearing

- a. Adoption of Negative Declaration for the Millview County Water District Annexation Project of property comprised of former Masonite Property to the District.**
 - i. Phil Williams, City of Ukiah Attorney, commented that the City of Ukiah had submitted a comment letter regarding the adoption of the negative declaration. The letter comments on how some of the documents regarding the negative declaration are not available for review; it fails to adequately analyze legacy contaminants associated with the Masonite Property; it fails to identify the City of Ukiah's SOI in which this annexation would potentially occur; it fails to notify the City of Ukiah as a responsible agency; it fails to identify reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts to ag space, open land, and water supply; finally, the board did not pass the appropriate resolution to hold the meeting via teleconference, therefore any action taken could potentially be overturned.
- b. Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-01 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Millview County Water District adopting an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Millview County Water District Annexation Project.**
 - i. Attorney Chris Neary noted that the concerns for the City of Ukiah's comment letter have all been addressed in a response letter that is also included in the board packet.
 - ii. Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Director Cardoza, to continue the public hearing to the next board meeting on March 15, 2022 at 5:00pm. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Approval of January 18, 2022 Minutes

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director DeMartini, to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Approval of Financials

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Metcalf, to approve the financials for January 2022. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Staff Reports

a. General Managers Report

- i. GM, Walker reported that the neighboring property to the north of Masonite Well 6 is owned by Granite Construction and the past couple months, there has been trouble with transients. The Sheriff's department and Granite Construction have been involved. Willow's staff has been trying to clean up and maintain/fix the fences. Staff would like to look into some sort of cinder block building to put around the well and the existing foundation slab.
 1. The board directed staff to look into quotes for the project.

b. Office Managers Report

- i. Office Manager Patton reported that Form 700 is due by April 1, 2022 in the County Office.

New Business

a. Adoption of Resolution 2022-01 A Resolution of the Board adopting an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Millview County Water District Annexation Project

- i. This item has been moved to the March 15, 2022 board meeting.

b. Adoption of Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Millview County Water District Annexation Project

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c. Consideration for Horizon Water and Environmental for Annual Water Right Accounting

- i. GM, Walker reported that Willow CWD contracts with Horizon Water and Environmental to do the end of the year accounting for their water rights. GM, Walker would like to use Horizon to do the same accounting process for Millview.
- ii. The board directed staff to contact Horizon Water and Environmental to begin the process.

Old Business

a. Report on Water District Service Contracts

- i. GM, Walker reported that there is ongoing maintenance among all the districts, lots of weed eating and mowing to be done.

b. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency

- i. Director Cardoza reported that URRWA created an AdHoc Committee to meet with the City of Ukiah to discuss a regional water and sewer system.
- ii. GM, Walker reported that he and Sean White have had good conversations and is hoping to have an AdHoc meeting take place in the next couple of weeks. Director Cardoza and Director LaRue (Willow CWD) are the representatives of the AdHoc.

c. Consolidation efforts of URRWA Districts

- i. This item was discussed in previous agenda items.

d. Well 35 Filtration Project

- i. GM, Walker reported that the project is going well. The plumbing should be quick work once all of the parts arrive.

- ii. The State is requiring follow-up samples because it has been seven years since Well 35 has been running.

e. Update on Drought and Water Conservation

- i. GM, Walker reported that PG&E is temporarily back in the game for the future of the Potter Valley Project. They have committed to replacing the transformer that is down which will take \$5-10million and 18-24 months to complete.
- ii. Diversions coming through the bypass are a mere 45CFS.
- iii. GM, Walker reported that the meeting with the State have led to three options:
 - 1. Option A: Conserve water based upon water right priority date.
 - 2. Option B: Conserve water based upon water right priority date. *All water right holders in the Upper Russian River Watershed, the more they conserve earlier in the year, there will be credit issued later in the year.
 - 3. Option C: Uniform water conservation agreement.

Legal Counsel Report

Attorney Neary reported that there is a growing realization that the cannabis industry has completely cratered and it is not likely to come back. This is significant to a water district because there are a lot of people in the hills that are siphoning off water.

Director's Report

None.

Adjourn Meeting

Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Director Cardoza, to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Kenneth Budrow - Board President
Millview County Water District

Date _____

Attest: _____
Kate Barrett - Board Secretary

Date _____