

**WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Mike Hildreth, Director
Gary Nevill, Director

Ross LaRue, Director
Devin Gordon, Director

Absent: None

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

Director Gary Nevill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken.

Minutes

Director Hildreth made a motion, seconded by Director Gordon, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 regular board meeting. This motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Hildreth, Gordon, Nevill

NOES: -0-

ABSTAIN: LaRue

Financial Statement

Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to approve the financials for March 2022. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Forum

- None.

Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that about 7 years ago, the District purchased 3-400 used meters from Millview CWD. At the time of purchasing, the meters were at half of their lifespan.
 1. In the last couple of months, several of those meters have not been transmitting the meter reads as the battery has died. The District will be able to replace the meters in phases because not all of the District was done at the same time.
 2. There are two options for meters; purchase the same type of meter or purchase a new cellular based meter where the District can get live meter readings in house.
- ii. The board directed staff to reach out to Kathy from Badger Meter.

b. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that the tree out front of the office has been removed.

Old Business

a. Report on Water Districts Service Contracts

- i. GM, Walker reported that Redwood Valley is the recipient of a \$1.8 million grant. A big portion of that is to pursue new ground water options.
- ii. Calpella's property damage due to the Hopkins Fire is able to be 75% covered through CAL OES.

b. Report on JPA

- i. Director LaRue reported that there was an AdHoc meeting, and Sean White, City of Ukiah, was in attendance. Director LaRue's understanding of the conversation is that the City wants control of the consolidation and to expedite the matter so they can get the money that is being offered by the State.
- ii. GM, Walker commented that the original conversation was that the City wanted to annex all of Willow and Millview CWD into City limits. Now the City is seeing some challenges to that.
 - 1. Now, instead of full annexation, they are looking at taking over the infrastructure and the rate payer base or a new agency that would be created through the JPA.

c. Report on PG&E Potter Valley Project

- i. GM, Walker reported that there will be increased diversions coming through the bypass for Potter Valley Irrigation District (PVID), anything that PVID doesn't use will be inflow coming into Lake Mendocino.
- ii. Lake Mendocino is gaining 30-40 acre feet per day.

d. Update on Drought and Water Conservation Efforts

i. Voluntary Water Conservation Agreement

- 1. GM, Walker reported that as of right now, if the District participates in the voluntary agreement, coming into June the Districts would be curtailed on an average of 60% against our water rights.
- 2. The District should be in a better position than they were last year regarding water availability.
- 3. GM, Walker commented that he would contact Collin Pierce, Willow's attorney, to attend the next board meeting.

New Business

a. Norgard Well #3 Rehabilitation

- i. GM, Walker reported that he has a meeting coming with the company that gave the quote to line the casing and bail it out.

Adjourn

Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Gordon, to adjourn. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____

ATTEST _____

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____