

**MINUTES**  
**MILLVIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022**

**Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.**

Directors Present:

President, Kenneth Budrow  
Vice President, Jerry Cardoza

Director, Jeanne Metcalf

Absent:

Michael DeMartini

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

Attorney, Chris Neary  
RRFC, Al White  
Public, Tim Prince

**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.

**Approval of March 15, 2022 Minutes**

Director Budrow made a correction under *Public Hearing a)* and *b)*.

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Metcalf, to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 as amended. 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 March 2022. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Staff Reports**

**a. General Managers Report**

- i. GM, Walker reported that the river pumps at the water treatment plant that went in for repair are back and will be put back in place within the next 30 days.
- ii. GM, Walker is going to have a meeting with Jake Morely (Gillion) and Heath Dolan (property owner) about the vineyard crossing project.
- iii. There is a new PG&E representative and has reached out to GM, Walker with a couple new incentive programs that would save the District substantial money.
- iv. The only firm staff has heard back from for Well 6 and the building structure is Ludorf and Scalmini.

## **b. Office Managers Report**

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that staff is in the middle of an IRS audit for Millview. It has to do with Form 941; for payroll withholdings. The auditor is stuck on the payment to the board members. They feel it is wages and compensation and want to have it taxed.
- ii. The office has restarted charging late fees and shut offs. Most of the customers are getting back on track with payments.

## **Old Business**

### **a. Report on Water District 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 Upper Russian River Water Agency**

- i. For future agendas, staff would like to combine b) and c). The board agreed.
- ii. GM, Walker reported that in the last several months there have been ongoing conversations with the City of Ukiah regarding creating a regional entity. The Ad hoc met last night, and they were working on different scenarios on how a regional entity could come to fruition.
- iii. The State is willing to pay \$50,000 per water connection to get districts to consolidate.

### **c. Consolidation efforts of URRWA Districts**

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

### **d. Well 35 Filtration Project**

- i. GM, Walker reported that there is no new update.

### **e. Update on Drought and Water Conservation**

- i. GM, Walker reported that last Thursday, there was a small group of local representatives as well as Congressman Huffman to discuss updates on the Potter Valley Project relicensing and dam removals. Congressman Huffman is really advocating for a dual basin partnership between us and the Eel River and to have some give and take. The 'give' might be supporting the removal of Scott Dam because, according to Huffman, all the hydrological studies show that the water in the Eel River is there for diversions into Lake Mendocino.
- ii. 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.
- iii. The District should be in a better position than they were last year regarding water availability.

## **New Business**

### **a. Appointment of New Director to the Millview County Water District Board of Directors**

- i. Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Metcalf, to nominate Tim Prince to the Millview County Water District Board of Directors. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

## **Legal Counsel Report**

Attorney Neary reported that water issues in the Russian River Watershed are as momentous as he has seen. Big things are happening.

## **Director's Report**

Director Budrow reported that there is a proposed fee for groundwater in Sonoma and Napa County.

**Adjourn Meeting**

Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by DirectorCardoza, to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

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**Kenneth Budrow - Board President**  
**Millview County Water District**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kate Barrett - Board Secretary**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_