

MINUTES
MILLVIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

Call to Order: 5:04 p.m.

Directors Present:

President, Kenneth Budrow
Director, James Green

Director, Jeanne Metcalf

Absent:

Vice President, Jerry Cardoza
Director, Weldon Jones

Others Present: GM, Jared Walker

Office Manager, Liz Patton
Secretary, Kate Barrett
Legal Counsel, Chris Neary
Russian River Flood Control: 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 Green made a motion, seconded by Director Metcalf, to approve the agenda as modified. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Approval of Financials for April 2021

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

Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting April 20, 2021

Director Green made a motion, seconded by Director Metcalf, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2021. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Hearing

a. Declaration of Emergency Water Shortage

- i. Legal Counsel, Chris Neary explained that in paragraph 3.5 of Resolution 2021-02, it gives the general manager of the water district the ability to act without the board's approval if a situation is deemed necessary for immediate response.
- ii. Director Green expressed concern that the general manager would get all the criticism when it is the Board's decision.

- iii. Upon a motion made by Director Green, seconded by Director Metcalf, to adopt Resolution 2021-02, a Resolution declaring an emergency water shortage. This motion was passed with the following roll call:

Ayes: Green, Metcalf, Budrow
Noes: -0-

Abstain: -0-
Absent: Jones, Cardoza

Staff Reports

a. General Managers Report

- i. GM, Walker reported that Well 3 test pumping has been done and are waiting on Luhdorf & Scalmanini on the final report and recommendations.
- ii. Board Secretary, Barrett has been working closely with Beth Salomone and the outreach committee. She has also updated the website and has added tips for water conservation.

b. Office Managers Report

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that the office will be reopening June 1, 2021.

Old Business

a. Report on Water District Service Contracts

- i. GM, Walker reported that Well 6 is running well.
- ii. Redwood Valley's letters went out on Tuesday to notify the customers of a maximum usage of 55 gallons of water per person per day.

b. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency

- i. Director Green reported that there was conversation about becoming a regional entity. Director Green also noted that the 20,000 acre feet restriction for Lake Mendocino is not a hard number, but rather a floating number.

c. Well 35 Filtration Update

- i. GM, Walker reported that the project is on track to be completed by the summer. Staff is just waiting on final electrical documents and some final specs for the concrete pad to be poured.

d. Update on Drought and Water Conservation

- i. GM, Walker reported that the information has not changed since the last meeting. The State of California and Sonoma County are not giving a lot of information to go off of.
- ii. We know we need to conserve water, and that the public needs to know, so the district needs to move forward with conservation efforts.

New Business

a. Consideration of easement for PG&E

- i. Attorney, Neary noted that the legal description has been corrected.
- ii. Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Director Green, to approve the easement for PG&E in concept, waiting for review from engineers confirming survey lines. This motion was passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Green, Metcalf, Budrow
Noes: -0-

Abstain: -0-
Absent: Jones, Cardoza

b. Consolidation efforts of URRWA Districts

- i. Attorney, Neary noted that the district should expect some resistance from the City of Ukiah.
- ii. Director Green reported that he is in favor of consolidation and believes that the topic of consolidation should continue to be brought back up and talked about, not only at URRWA's meetings, but at all the districts.

Legal Counsel Report

None.

Director's Report

Director Budrow commented that he would like to have the next Board meeting (06.15.21) in person or part Zoom and part in person.

Closed Session

The Board entered closed session at 6:56 pm.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel- Pending Litigation

Govt. C. Section 54956.9(1)

Del Sol v. Greta Wells,, Mendocino Superior Court Case # 21-CV- 00181

Information received. No action taken.

The board returned to open session at 7:05 pm.

Adjourn Meeting

Director Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Director Green, to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Kenneth Budrow - Board President
Millview County Water District

Date _____

Attest: _____
Kate Barrett - Board Secretary

Date _____