## REGULAR MEETING – BUTTONWILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEWER, KERN MUTUAL, BID#1, WSV DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buttonwillow County Water District was called to order by Chairman Richard Garcia at 5:31 PM at the Ag Center, 289 Main Steet, Buttonwillow, CA.

The following directors were present: Richard Garcia, Albert Ghilarducci, Mike Burleson, Vanessa Montemayor and Samuel Ghilarducci

Others in attendance: Regina Houchin, Mario Cervantes, and Jeff Eklund. Melissa Bergen-Self-Help Enterprises joined telephonically.

The minutes of the August 17, 2022, meeting were read and approved on a motion by Vanessa Montemayor, second by Albert Ghilarducci. Carried. (Ayes 5- RG, MB, AG, VM, SG)

# Accounts Payable

The Board reviewed the accounts payable for September 21, 2022. On a motion by Vanessa Montemayor, second by Mike Burleson, the following were approved for payment:

 M & O – Sewer $ 41,284.02 Vouchers #4710-4734

 General – Water $ 9,932.08 Vouchers #4710-4734

 Well #2 $ 2,651.58 Vouchers #4710-4734

 Well #4 $ 3,287.72 Vouchers #4710-4734

 Well #5 $ 6,114.10 Vouchers #4

 Less: P/R Tax $ ( 22.96) to be paid with Payroll Returns

for a cash disbursement total of $63,246.54. Carried (Ayes 5- RG, MB, AG, VM, SG)

Cash Account balance information, disbursement analysis and P G & E summary were provided by the secretary and reviewed by the Board.

# Accounts Receivable

Board members reviewed the delinquent accounts receivable report. Customer accounts over 90 days totaled $13,029.26. Delinquent procedures continue to be followed.

Correspondence:

Request for KC Fair Livestock sponsorship – Jessica Ratzlaff

Public Time:

Tom Vontz inquired about payment of the $3,000.00 bill incurred when resolving septic tank and subsequent sewer hookup. Mario explained that a new sewer lateral was installed and it is now up to Mr. Vontz to repair his lines and connect the house to the sewer. Mario explained that the abuse of multiple homes and the open pit flowing into the sewer line bringing in mud and debris caused the problem. The board had not authorized the expense incurred and therefore the bill will not be paid by the district. Mr. Vontz requested a letter be issued stating the information for his insurance company. He also said he would like to hook up the back trailers to a line through the back. It was explained that there isn’t a sewer main on the back of the property and any costs to connect and bring the line to his property would be at his sole expense.

District Business:

Mario Cervantes provided his August-September monthly report. Followed cleaning and video of the sewer lines. Found sand, roots, and some damaged areas. Called out for a broken water line at Highway 58 and Buttonwillow Drive. Found it belonged to the oil company and they were notified. Turned off water at 462 Baggiani Court for repairs. Continued monitoring WWTP daily. Mario reported that due to rising costs, he will be requesting an increase at the October meeting.

Mario presented slides of the issue found at 412 Sudan. The video showed a small crack at the top of the line which should not have created the collapsed line. It appears when the excess mud and debris from the open pit was introduced to the sewer line the pressure forced the cracked area to dislodge and eventually collapse. The board instructed the secretary to issue a letter and have it approved by Attorney Schroeter prior to presenting to Tom Vontz.

Jeff Eklund reported Tom Dodson has completed the environmental. Biological done with no noted issues. CEQA will be reviewed, expect typical mitigation measures, contract training awareness.

Jeff presented 2 bound copies of the collection line inspection performed by National Plant Services. While they still have a portion of the line that must have Caltrans approval, the majority of the inspection has been completed. The report showed areas that have problems that will need to be addressed. He will provide a more detailed map of those areas for review.

The original Will Serve letter provided for 280 West 4th Street has expired and the property owner has requested another will serve. On a motion by Samuel Ghilarducci, second by Albert Ghilarducci it was moved to issue a Will Serve Letter for both water and sewer services to 280 W 4th Street. All conditions as outlined in the letter must be met. Carried. (Ayes 5-RG; AG; VM; MB; SG)

Regina reported on the request for ownership information for property at the end of 4th street. There are three parcels owned by the Buttonwillow County Water District. The board is not interested in selling the property should the district need it for future project development.

The district was contacted by Justin Nazerian with AVANTUS regarding a solar project. They would like a 200’ easement at the West side of the property for transmission lines. Jeff Eklund had reviewed the map and sees no conflict with the WWTP project. It was possible to work with AVANTUS to get solar power for the district’s WWTP. Regina would contact Justin and let him know the district is interested in more information on the project and about the price for the easement.

Attorney – Nothing

Secretary – Nothing

Chairman – Nothing

Directors – Nothing

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Regina Houchin, Secretary to the Board