## REGULAR MEETING – BUTTONWILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buttonwillow County Water District was called to order by Chair Richard Garcia at 5:33 PM at the Ag Center, 289 Main Steet, Buttonwillow, CA.

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

Others in attendance: Regina Houchin, Mario Cervantes. Jeff Ekland attended telephonically.

The minutes of the August 16, 2023, meeting were read and approved on a motion by Mike Burleson, second by Albert Ghilarducci. Carried. (Ayes 4- MB, AG, RG, SG; Absent 1 - VM)

# Accounts Payable

The Board reviewed the accounts payable for September 20, 2023. Check #5004, payable to Roto-Rooter in the amount of $2,000.00 was pulled from payables. Mario Cervantes reported that the rate should have been $1,600.00 and he has contacted Roto-Rooter about the invoice. He said they will re-issue the job invoice for $1,600.00 On a motion by Samuel Ghilarducci, second by Mike Burleson, the following were approved for payment:

M & O – Sewer $ 22,683.23 Vouchers #4984-5009 (Check #5004 Voided)

General – Water $ 7,453.09 Vouchers #4984-5009

Well #2 $ .00 Vouchers #4984-5009

Well #4 $ .00 Vouchers #4984-5009

Well #5 $ 3,498.88 Vouchers #4984-5009

Less: P/R Tax $ ( 28.68) to be paid with Payroll Returns

for a cash disbursement total of $33,606.52. Carried. (Ayes 4- MB, AG, RG, SG; Absent 1 - VM)

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. 17 customer accounts over 90 days totaled $9,545.42. Shutoff notices will be delivered, and delinquent accounts disconnected.

Correspondence:

DTSC – Corrective Action Order to Clean Harbors Buttonwillow. The community survey was received by all residents.

Public Time:

No Public Time

District Business:

Mario presented his August/September operators report. Water at 20607 Pamolas was shut off for non-payment. Roto-Rooter was called out for a sewer backup at 138 E First Streeet. The blockage was on the district side. Called out to Highway 58 to shut off water for repairs. Continued to monitor WWTP.

Jeff Eklund reported he is working with National Plant Services to schedule the completion of the sewer main inspection. P & P has the draft engineering report ready to present to the District for review once the inspection is completed and the report modified to include those details.

Jeff reported tom Dodson has provided the estimate for needed CEQA addendum to Self-Help Enterprises for approval. P & P is keeping track of redesign costs for reimbursement by Avantus. P & P will update the Preliminary Engineering Report to reflect the WWTP location changes. Jeff reported that his contact regarding the solar project is more involved with land acquisition and would not be able to comment on the Avantus easement. Samuel Ghilarducci reported that he knows of two attorneys that may be able to provide direction, Mark Dennison and John Barnes. It was suggested that attorney Thomas Schroeter be contacted to discuss the easement prior to contacting another attorney. Regina will contact Tom for directions.

Regarding the Community Development Block Grant for Well #2 Booster-Hydro tank Project, jeff provided two options for hydropneumatics tank procurement: Tiger Tanks, $53,000.00, with a 10-month delivery time and Hanson Tank, $89,000.00 with a 4–5-month delivery time. Both are epoxy lines and coated and range in the 95-100 psi working pressure. After discussion a motion was made by Albert Ghilarducci, second by Samuel Ghilarducci to move forward with the Tiger Tank and advised Jeff to move forward to get the tank ordered. Motion carried. (Ayes 4- MB, AG, RG, SG; Absent 1 - VM)

Jeff reported on the August 24, 2023, meeting with Juan Campos regarding the CRC EHP project. CRC will handle construction contracting, with prevailing wage and will submit the proposal to EPA. Anticipates 1 month to potentially start. Project implementation within 24 months, but CRC desires to move quicker. CRC could enter a Purchase Order with P & P for engineering work. Jeff recommends holding off on starting electrical design as this project would change the design. In the meantime, the hydro tank will be ordered. Richard thanked Jeff for his leadership with this project.

No additional information was available on the Avantus Solar Project, but it was suggested that the district initiate a meeting once contact with Attorney Schroeter is made.

Attorney – Nothing

Secretary –Nothing

Chairman – Nothing

Directors – Nothing.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Regina Houchin, Secretary to the Board