## REGULAR MEETING – BUTTONWILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEWER, KERN MUTUAL, BID#1, WSV DISTRICT

JULY 19, 2023

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

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

Others in attendance: Regina Houchin and Mario Cervantes.

The minutes of the June 21, 2023, meeting were read and approved on a motion by Mike Burleson, second by Albert Ghilarducci. Carried. (Ayes 4- MB, VM, AG, RG; Absent 1 - SG)

Director Samuel Ghilarducci joined the meeting at 5:38 PM

# Accounts Payable

The Board reviewed the accounts payable for July 19, 2023. On a motion by Albert Ghilarducci, second by Vanessa Montemayor, the following were approved for payment:

M & O – Sewer $ 18,708.47 Vouchers #4939-4961

General – Water $ 5,180.09 Vouchers #4939-4961

Well #2 $ .00 Vouchers #4939-4961

Well #4 $ 3,933.11 Vouchers #4939-4961

Well #5 $ .00 Vouchers #4939-4961

Less: P/R Tax $ ( 17.20) to be paid with Payroll Returns

for a cash disbursement total of $27,804.47. Carried. (Ayes 5: AG, MB, VM, RG, 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. 25 customer accounts over 90 days totaled $10,993.01. Shutoff notices will be delivered, and delinquent accounts disconnected.

Correspondence:

None

Public Time:

No Public Time

District Business:

Mario presented his June/July operators report. Was called out to 209 Dunford for plugged sewer. The sewer continues to back up. Mario thought it was from the roots of the pistachio trees near the mainline, but Albert and Samuel said the roots aren’t that big. Likely due to the large spruce in the yard. He cut out a section and fixed the line, but a permanent fix will be necessary soon as this is an on-going problem. This problem should be noted in the Collection Line report and fixed during main line replacement. The board inquired how many more days it will take to complete the collection line survey. Mario reported that the pumps are working and there should be nothing stopping the completion.

There was a written update from Jeff Eklund. National Plant services proposed to remobilize to inspect the remainder of pipeline at $6,750/day. Prior contract budget was $54,734 of which $29,763 (8) days has been billed. The remaining budget amount is $24,971. P & P will submit preliminary engineering report with recommendations for replacement alternatives by the August board meeting.

Once the site layout for solar is determined, P & P will finalize the Preliminary Engineering Report.

P & P is preparing plans for Well #2 Hydro pneumatic Tank and Booster Replacement, with funding from the Community Development Block Grant.

P & P met with Mario and Regina regarding the revised site layout for the north corner. P & P will meet with CEQA Consultant to review site plan and determine if any needed CEQA changes are required. P & P is keeping track of the engineering costs associated with the Solar project as it was understood Avantus would pay for the changes.

Richard Garcia had been contacted by Juan Campos of California Resources Corporation (CRC) about a possible grant to abandon well #1 and tank and replace the electrical panel at Well #2. If qualified funding would be from Elk Hills Power (EHP) Health, Safety & Environmental Management system (HSE). P & P provided the cost data to be included in the application. The estimated cost was $280,000.00. Richard will continue to work with Juan to apply for the funding.

Regina discussed the needed revision to the BWCWD capitalization policy. Currently the policy is $500.00 which is extremely low. The Board advised Regina to review the policy and submit revisions for approval at the August meeting.

The CV-Salts Alternative Compliance Program is up for renewal. To remain in Compliance information must be updated and payment made before August 31, 2023. A motion was made by Samuel Ghilarducci, second by Vanessa Montemayor to continue compliance through the CV-Salts Alternative Compliance Program. Motion carried. (Ayes 5; RG, SG, VM, MB, AG)

Attorney – Nothing

Secretary –Provided the 6/30/22 Audit report for Review. The report will be accepted at the August meeting.

Chairman – Nothing

Directors – Nothing.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Regina Houchin, Secretary to the Board