

Minutes of the August 22, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Central County Water Control District

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - a. **Roll Call.** Chair Miller called the roll. Supervisors Napoles, Naranjo, Faraldo and Miller were present, and joined by the District Engineer, District Treasurer, and District Attorney. Central County Manager was not present
  - b. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Miller lead the Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda.**
  - a. **Additions, Deletion, and Substitutions.** None
  - b. **Adoption of Agenda.** Supervisor Bruno motion to approve agenda and Supervisor Faraldo second.
  - c. **Approved without objections.** Meeting minutes for July 11, 2018 and July 25, 2018.
3. **Public Comment**

Maria Castillo, 720 N Granja St, spoke on several issues, the first one on raising of taxes projected amount \$75.00 to \$150.00 per year. She did not agree with the raising of taxes, stated many live on a monthly income and can't afford taxes being raised. She asked the District Attorney if could find out, District Attorney stated that the Board would need to find out where the taxes our going. Conditions of the off roads and paved streets with holes, the up charge for the new garbage can that cost each land owner \$200.00 extra on Hendry county taxes last year. Also on the ditches not being cleaned and sitting water.

Orlando Curbelo, 325 S Arboleda St., He has live here for over 12 years and the streets are impossible and doesn't agree with the raising of the taxes.

Caridad Colon, 415 S Kennel St., grass is a foot tall and only has seen the mosquito truck about four times that has been by and canals not being cleaned.

Eneida Medina, 125 W Marimba Cir, has a list of residents that want to leave Montura because of its condition.

Jose Muñoz, 221 Avenida Del Centro, stated he just moved here three months ago and doesn't really know what to tell his family about Montura. He would like for the county to treat them right and fix the roads and keep up the maintenance. He would not mind to have taxes raised if everything would be kept up.

James Herrmann, 787 Appaloosa Ave., Montura looks so bad and manager is not here. Spoke about how grass is being mowed without picking up the trash first. Stated we have plenty of money to make the repairs. Stated it has been willful

negligence. Nothing has been done. Wasting money on roads that have not been properly repaired. No one cares.

Maria Ruedas, 335 S Isora St., has been complaining about her road and no one has done anything about it. "Why it is that central county is working on Saturday and Sunday when they don't do anything. Overtime for what if they don't do anything".

Maria Teresa Valdovinas, 330 S Arboleda, stated we have not addressed any of the issues that have been stated from prior residents.

#### 4. **Staff Reports.**

**Supervisor Chair Ms. Miller** started meeting with having agenda approved. Chair brought up about policies and suggested as a policy that when a position is posted that they poses a clean driver license. Supervisor Faraldo motion it and Supervisor Napoles and Supervisor Bruno second. Another suggestion in ever meeting to devote time to the revising of the policy if needed. Mr. Kelley rewrote it and she will go over to bring up during future meetings. Also did the evaluation of the District Manager. There were a few points.

**Supervisor Napoles** Spoke and stated that is very involved with public assistance and wanted to respond to the two young ladies statement that FEMA didn't help at all. He told them that he knows of many residents that did receive help from FEMA. He also spoke about a charity organization that will be redoing 10 roofs on home that have been effected by hurricane Irma. Tomorrow they will be coming out to look. Once he gets more information he will be posting it on Facebook and letting the local churches know. Also collected \$50,000 to hire someone to run this program.

**Supervisor Faraldo** Spoke about the transporting of trash and building a barrier wall to contain trash until it can be hauled. Supervisor Fajardo stated we don't need anything, no barrier walls. He spoke to a few people about the trash and as residents you are allowed to put all trash out with your regular trash. Before there was an issue with televisions but now you can put it out with your regular trash. Resident also spoke, that Supervisor Faraldo was correct they will pick it all up. The next thing is to vote to close the dump. Chair Miller spoke about this and we will have to do our part and take pictures if we see someone dumping illegally. Supervisor Faraldo stated lets close the dump, Chair Miller ask if there is a motion to close the dump Supervisor Naranjo motion and Supervisor Faraldo second it. Ask Becky to call WSI to have dumpsters removed the next day. Supervisor Napoles ask what will happen with the debris that is picked up by employees, Chair stated that we can take it to the dump to have disposed.

**Supervisor Naranjo**

##### a. **District Manager's Report** Chair Miller read manager's report.

Thru out the rest of the month of July and beginning of August, ditch cleaning when possible due to rain and storms. Grading went on thru out Horse Club, put out over 30 loads of road fill in repairs. Repaired mower other mower is now down. Boom mower working on Bald Cypress. Had to order 30 load of road fill as they came in it went out. Had to wait for pallets of quick patch to fix holes on the roads. Lost mechanic, had to



advertise for position. Filled position in house. Still working on road repairs, cleaning ditches, culvert inspections and making sure that pumps are running to keep water levels down. On schedule with roads for grading and cutting grass. Working weekend to help get caught up on the mowing and had dump open for residents.

- a. **District Engineer's Report** working with FEMA to satisfy with grant. Also worked with Supervisor Faraldo in regards to sanitation proposal. Working with SFWMD to get reservoir certified.
- b. **District Accountant's Report** Went over monthly budget. Stated for the record that to show in the minutes that Denise Miller, Luis Napoles, Mr. John Boy Jr., Amy Swindle, are authorized signers on First Bank account. Supervisor Faraldo motioned it and second by Supervisor Naranjo.
- c. **District Attorney's Report** Qualifying period for seat election is now closed. Seat one in the running are the following: Fernando Faraldo and Benito L. Alvarez. Seat five in the running are the following: Juan Mata, "Tico" Wilmer Salgado, and Roger C. Schultz. No legal cases against the county.
- d. **Clubhouse Manager Report** Proposal for generators. One generator is 27 kilowatts which will not support the ac units for the future of the club house and the other generator is 45 kilowatts and will support and is only \$5000.00 more than the 27 kilowatts price. Supervisor Faraldo ask how many ac units are in the club house and that he sent a link to Herminio to check out to get for a lot less. Supervisor Napoles agreed with Herminio on the prices and would agree to go with higher kilowatt generator. Supervisor Faraldo ask how many ac units are needed for the club house. Supervisor Faraldo motion for the generators no one second it. Chair Miller spoke as a resident that if we don't have a facility with a generator in case of an emergency, were we were out for 8 days without electricity, we could have a location to take a shower and for basic needs. Chair also stated if nothing is going to be done then don't complain. Chair Miller tabled it for the near future.

**District Manager Evaluation:** Chair ask if Supervisor approve or disapprove of District Manager is to stay. Supervisor Napoles did approve for him to stay. Supervisor Naranjo also approved for him to stay. Chair Miller stated she disapproved there were a few factor that she used to evaluate the manager. The first factor, incident with one of the employees Miguel manager belittling employee, second incident was with two employees Miguel and Pedro being accused about talking to supervisors about how he treated the workers and both where warned about going to the meeting and making it public and this while Manager is on probation, third incident manager see employee eating at Marilou's and manager addressed employee being at store with a tractor and there were two witness about one came to the meeting and the second one sent a letter stating the behavior of Mr. Kelley. Chris who is a worker spoke about how Mr. Kelley threatens Miguel and would not let him out of his vehicle. Mr. Kelley

would let other employees know about how they were to behave at the parking lot about how he was the bull. Chair Miller stated that she is not evaluating him as manager on technical terms but his skills with employees. Let's say this is all of this is a lie we have no proof, let me tell you why we don't have any proof. It's too bad he isn't here and Cookie wasn't present either when we had to do her evaluation. There were no consequences for the employees' behavior and there were others that came to the following meeting stating that Mr. Kelley was never like that. Chair Miller brought out policy on all of this to reprimand employees on their behavior. Chair stated that a professional manager would have done this. Chair Miller went on about other issues about video of parking lot about the incidents mentioned before. Also another incident about a letter that had been received by the office and Mr. Kelley stated that they had not received it. Chair ask for a copy of the video and could not obtain the copy. Chair Miller ask Mr. Kelley why the cameras were not working now going on five month with equipment not working. If we have manager that is not spending our money wisely. Also found out that there wasn't a background check done and drug testing not done on new employees. There was an employee that had a restriction on his license and is no longer working for CCWCD. Chair Miller went on to explain what the restriction is. There are other reasons why she said no, because he stated that he would do the mechanical work and instead used a contractor, but has been told that he has been working outside and other staff has agreed that he has. Battery charger for \$800.00 and also spoke about fuel bill being too high. Character, not using policy, and misuse of funds. Supervisor Faraldo disapproved and had several issue also first one fuel bill to high motion to contract a private investigator in regards to diesel fuel. Draining of canal water to six inches of water, regarding the issue about the letter, side mower sitting on Cabbage Palm for a week, work stay in house, no drug test/background on employees not fit to work at CCWCD, bobcat window busted, boom mower down, nothing being done about the woodland are, and money missed managed.

Resident got up and took microphone from supervisor to speak about firing the manager and if they hire a new manager needs to live here. Other resident then continued to make comments. Nothing gets resolved. As residents can't fire the manager. Chair Miller stated that residents can't fire the manager. Tico then got up and blamed the board who permitted all of this. Mr. Kelley was not to blame for all the things have gone on.

**Adjournment.** Chair Miller adjourn regular meeting