

Minutes of the March 27, 2018 Board of Supervisors

Meeting

Central County Water Control District

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Alvarez lead the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. **Roll Call.** Chair Alvarez ask Assistant District Manager, Mrs. Hernandez to do the roll call. District Manager Herminio Bussott, District Engineer, District Treasurer, District Attorney John Fumero, Chair Alvarez, Supervisor Mata and Supervisor Naranjo were present.

Approval of Meeting Agenda.

- c. **Additions, Deletion, and Substitutions.** None
 - d. **Adoption of Agenda.** Approval of the meeting agenda. Chair Alvarez started off by asking for a motion on the last meeting minutes. Supervisor Naranjo made motion approval and Supervisor Mata second, all I's.
 - e. **Approved without objections.**
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2. **Public Comment:** Josh Parsons thank the board for letting them do the cleanup of the reservoir and he thank Big O Mechanical for providing hotdogs. Brought up the issue with the four wheelers. Concerned resident spoke out about that there is no law enforcement on the roads here. Chair Alvarez spoke and stated that the law needs permission from the board to be able to enforce the law because we are considered private property. Fumero brought up the old agreement that stated that the county has the right to enforce the traffic laws in Montura. Continued to talk about the right away were the four-wheeler take off and the sheriffs don't have the right to chase them. Supervisor Mata asked about that he read somewhere they had to bring the four-wheeler on a trailer to ride in the reservoir. Chair ask that there needs to be a motion to stop the problem with the four-wheelers. The Motion was that the four-wheeler is not allow on the ride of ways any more. Supervisor Naranjo motion and Supervisor Mata second.

3. **Staff Reports.**

- A. **District Manager's Report** – We have a full crew except for the part-time position. Chair ask about the hours and what the person would be doing. District manager spoke that he would like the person to have the ability to work in the office. Supervisor Mata ask about the hours. Hours of operation will be from 9:am – 3:30pm. Supervisor Mata made a statement that to be careful because the person

will be dealing with the client and making sure that the materials being dump is what is allowed. Board continued to go back and forth about the dumping of trash. Chair spoke about right of way with Officer AJ, AJ spoke and stated that Hendry County refused to allow the law of the four-wheeler and will have zero tolerance of four-wheelers on the roads. Officer AJ also introduced new officer McNeil, that will be taking over for him at our meeting. Also spoke about same issues in other jurisdictions in Hendry County. Only stipulation that if they stay on their lot they are allowed to ride. Officer AJ ask if they come to ride at the reservoir and leave their trailer behind where the Fire department have the right of way, does the sheriff still have the right to tow away anything left behind?" Chair Alvarez stated that the agreement still stands. District manager spoke about the locks that have been broken. Chair Alvarez stated we need to build a stronger gate. Worked on 26 roads including emergency roads that needed to be worked on. This is also using a box blade to help. 3.5 inches of rain during the month of March. Kubota is now gone; the transmission finally gave up. Chair Alvarez ask for list of equipment. The cost for a new tractor is going to cost about \$70,000.00 dollars. Quotes that were given prior are still good. Board ask to get pricing on repairs for the Kubota. All guard rail installed still need reflector on Camino Real guard rail. Pool project has started and cage has been placed around the new pool pump. Supervisor Naranjo made a statement about the perimeter of the club house that needs attention. The signs also on the light post need to be removed. Culvert on Hacienda needs be cleaned and please do not go over driveways. Supervisor Mata ask about if play ground is still on for April 9th and District manager stated yes, April 9 is still on track. Also ask about the other playground items that needed to be removed. Item will be removed after the new equipment comes in. Also permits are being pulled by Mr. Bennett and work is going to be in house for guard rails. There are lights that are out. Pool area there is new lights being installed. Roof repair to start next week. Pool will reopen on the weekends as soon all repairs are made. There are two FEMA projects that have been obligated. Also, District manager went on to thank Mr. Swindle for taking him on his personal plane to go over canal 10 to see if there is any water being pumped into our canal. Chair Alvarez stated that there is water coming in from somewhere. Supervisor Mata ask where are we at on roads, District manager answered that we are finishing on Del Sur and will continue onto Montura Avenue and we are using the box blades to help in caching up on roads. Resident spoke about her road on Datil, between Bald Cypress and Horse Club how they are tearing it up riding four wheelers.

B. District Engineer's Report

Mr. Bennett did annual inspection, culverts replaced by CCWCD in Woodland area. Hazienda project-just waiting on the contract to move forward.

C. District Treasurer Report. Spoke about the monthly budget. We are at 32% on our budget plan and we should be around 37%. Supervisor Mata ask for Mr. Fumero to speak about how behind we are. Spoke

District Attorney's Report – Spoke about the maintenance contract of the canals which is on the agenda. Engineer spoke on the Hacienda project, discussion with County about Central County road and renegotiate on the contract that is in place. He also met with the Supervisor of Election. She is not in a passion to take over our land owner's voting. Spoke on proxy voting under the law it is aloud but Central County prohibit the use of proxy voting. Chair Alvarez spoke about why it was prohibited because one member would have control of who was on board. Fumero stated we would have to amend our charter to allow proxy voting, its not a big deal to do it. Mail in ballots that has been done historically. We are creatures of statutes and can only do what is in our statutes. We need to go to legislation to get this corrected. Fumero need the authority of the board to go ahead and get this going. Supervisor Naranjo stated to keep the proxy how it is and get the mail in ballots to be amended into our charter. Chair also agreed. Supervisor Naranjo motion and Supervisor Mata second all I's. Spoke on the taxes of the county which is ad valorem taxes. Central County has a maintenance fee it is not even taxes. Everyone pays the same amount on the property tax. In the future we would have to look into raise taxes. How can we change the issue about commercial properties that are paying the same as everyone else. Fumero stated it is up to the board to change this issue. Fish farms are a very big issue. Supervisor Mata ask if there are commercial lands lock in place for future development. Fumero stated that the county can adjust it, Chair Alvarez stated that they had did all the leg work and the county came in and went over it. Went back and forth on this subject.

Chair Alvarez spoke on the four-wheeler and we need to do something about them. Supervisor Mata ask if what we want to do is have the four-wheelers be put on trailers and drop off at the reservoir gate. Chair stated yes to help control the four-wheelers of tearing up our roads. Board went back and forth about this issue. We need to have some one to enforce the rules and the best one to do so through the Sheriff's. They spoke about raising the fee to help and have a deputy at the gate. Deputy AJ spoke if the officer is on detail he is not allowed to leave, it is a posted position. They went back and forth if you homestead here then you pay \$50.00 for the reservoir key but if you just own property and only come to ride then they would pay \$500.00 for the year to help with cost of the detail of an officer. Fumero stated he will come up with some ideas.

Adjournment. Chair Alvarez asked for meeting to be adjourn motion by Supervisor Naranjo and second by Supervisor Mata. All in favor said I's.