

Minutes of the October 19, 2019 Board of Supervisors

Organization/Regular Meeting

Central County Water Control District

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Alvarez lead the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. **Roll Call.** Chair Alvarez ask Mrs. Hernandez, to do the roll call. District Manager Herminio Bussott, District Treasurer, District Engineer, District Attorney, Supervisor Napoles, Supervisor Miller, Chair Alvarez, Supervisor Mata and seat 3 absent.

Approval of Meeting Agenda.

- c. **Additions, Deletion, and Substitutions.** None
- d. **Adoption of Agenda.** Approval of the meeting minutes September 25, 2019 motion by Supervisor Miller and Supervisor Mata second all I's.
- e. **Approved without objections.**

Supervisor Miller ask the Chair if she could speak and she wanted to thank the Assistant Manager and the Manager for the kind gesture of having coffee and the refreshments provided.

Mr. Fumero stated that they needed to vote on a chair and a vice chair. Chair Alvarez then voted for Mr. Mata and Supervisor Miller second all I's. Supervisor Miller nominated Supervisor Napoles as Vice Chair again Supervisor Mata second all I's.

Mr. Fumero then stated that the Board needed to re-appoint District Treasurer, Engineer, and attorney. Supervisor Napoles motion and Supervisor Mata second all I's motion carried.

- a. **Public Comment:** Helena Carr ask about the officer that is supposed to be out here that is paid by the Hill Foundation. Chair Alvarez stated that this is a Sheriff's question. Supervisor Mata stated that the Hill Foundation does provide funds and that he does know that they are out here because the have pulled him over several times in the last month. District Manager stated that Office Morales is assigned to us and that they are getting the truck ready because the prior truck was in an accident and was total. Chair Alvarez stated that the Sheriff's is on a very tight budget but he wasn't sure that they were obligated to be here. They continued to talk and Supervisor Mata ask for the owners information to contact her once they had clarity on this issue. Mrs. Carr then ask what is going on about the reservoir and the bike s out here, Chair Álvarez stated nothing has change. Mrs. Carr then stated basically we have to trailer them in and Supervisor Mata then stated you can speak

with Josh about it they are the committee. Mrs. Carr then stated that if the committee don't get along with you or your husband, they won't let you in. Chair Alvarez stated to give him the names of who have stated this and he will address it.

2. Staff Reports.

- A. **District Manager's Report** – District Manager open by thanking the Board for the opportunity for working for CCWCD as District manager. He then stated that they have a full report of most of the things that have been done through out the year. He talk about the culverts and cutting the branches around the swells before even starting on the swell. Supervisor Napoles then ask if overtime would help little by little to get this done under the supervision of the Engineer, and District Manager that it would. Supervisor Napoles then motion on the overtime to get this done, Manager then went on to express when they changed the time from ten to eight hour shifts it has cut time from the day that they had out on the field. He ask the Board to consider changing the time back to be able to get this done. Supervisor Mata ask about what is the difference about the time change and one of the employees present stated that there isn't enough time. He then went on to explain how other counties are working and that Montura is growing and that no one is available on Fridays. Supervisor Napoles then commented that he agreed as well with Mr. Mata. He also understands that it is an inconvenience and what is best for the community. Chair Alvarez spoke that he could give you a study both ways and you would get my production on a ten-hour day then a eight hour day. Ten-hour days are better. Mr. Mata stated that you haven't been attending the meetings so if you want it to work then stager it and it wasn't done. Mrs. Hernandez stated that the office isn't open on Friday's and then Mr. Mata stated that the opportunity was give and it wasn't done. Mrs. Hernandez stated that the emergency is a pothole and have Herminio go and check the roads. She than went on to express herself as a landowner and the community doesn't even show up to the meetings. Mr. Mata stated that it takes culture to change. Chair Alvarez stated if they want the guys to work them five ten and bring the numbers and they can see if we can do it. Manager stated that the workers were there because they want longer hour. They went back and forth about the hours. Chair ask to bring a plan and numbers. Office to be open from 8 to 5 and the workers on four ten-hour shifts, they will speak about it for the next meeting. They continued to talk about the finances and the possibility of raising taxes. Chair Alvarez ask when is it that we can raise taxes and Mr. Fumero stated that is happens in the summer. Chair Alvarez stated that we need to address this next year because we need to do what is right and we need to catch up.
- B. **District Engineer's Report** – Road to resurface was Appaloosa to Quebrada and to continue on Hacienda from Del Sur down one mile.
- C. **District Treasurer Report.** Mr. Boy went over the monthly budget.

D. Supervisor Napoles stated for the record that he is not an attorney. He went on to talk about Hendry County Land study and that it was a trojan horse. The document that he went over that he was unaware of the amount of chickens that were allowed. He stated that the majority of the residents don't own five acres and most of the residents will be affected by this land study. Mr. Fumero stated that if he had a problem then he has to email them and let them know. He would like for our attorney to address these areas and have them highlighted to be address to the County. He stated for the record that it is confusing the way the county has put the document together and the clauses. Chair Alvarez then expressed that we all have to review it and then address. For the record Supervisor Napoles stated that he is not voting on anything that is not clear and approved by the attorney. Mr. Fumero stated that it is very important that everyone is on board. He also stated that we were the ones that reached out to them about our fish farms and what they prohibiting and if there is a problem then the land owner need to address. Mr. Fumero stated that we can have Margarett come out and answer these questions. Supervisor Miller express what she just read and what was stated on the document.

E. **District Attorney's Report** – Mr. Fumero went over settlement on the on time thirty-thousand-dollar payment on Carolyn Hester and the Board decision that we would spend more in court and you don't know what the outcome will be. Chair Alvarez stated that we already voted on this. Supervisor Miller ask if the document stated that she was guilty for what the Board found her on and Mr. Fumero stated no, that neither party admits fault or responsibility of what was previously said. Motion to execute the settlement, Supervisor Napoles motion and Supervisor Miller second. Keys and passes of Reservoir were not specified exactly how many guests passes according to what was voted on. Four guest vehicles per landowner. Mr. Napoles went on to take about the incident that happened at the reservoir and how many people were leaving on their atv's and that the lock was broken at gate and people were coming in and out and the guard wasn't checking everyone that was going in and that some of the vehicle didn't have permits. He went on to say the only way to prevent all this is to bring back the Sheriff's because the guard doesn't have the authority to do anything. Guest passes is up to four vehicle that can be purchased. They went back and forth about the different situation that can arise in the reservoir and Chair Alvarez stated that the unfortunate reality that someone can die and CCWCD can be sued. Mr. Fumero then stated that even if they did sign a liability form it helps but we can still be sued. Chair Alvarez brought up of no guns and no alcohol, Mr. Fumero stated that we need to use it responsibly because once you change it and don't follow through it will just being more issues.

Adjournment. Chair Alvarez meeting adjourn.