

Minutes of the July 28, 2021 Board of Supervisors

Budget Workshop Meeting

Central County Water Control District

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Mata lead the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. **Roll Call.** District Treasurer, District Attorney, Seat 3, Chair, Seat 2, District Engineer and District Manager present, seat 4 and seat 5 not currently present for Budget Workshop.

Chair spoke about the process and ask Fumero to assist him with what he would like to do. Public comments at the beginning will be comments and there are certain thing they will vote on if you don't have it make sure you look at the agenda and also work for the board members as well. He went on to say that before the vote on something after they discuss it they will give it to the community to speak on it for 3 minutes. Fumero stated under Robert's rules nobody should as the chair to talk and should be the referee.

Chair went on ask if there was any addition or deletions to the agenda, Fumero reminded Chair that this is the budget workshop and not the official meeting.

John Boy then started going over the tentative budget and that this is the third meeting and in the last one they went over raising the taxes. Chair ask how much will it take them up to \$238,579.00 revenues budget if approved when we will see. John Boy stated on October 1, 2021 for the fiscal year. This will lower our expenditure lost to \$131,000 next year. There are two documents that the board need to approve the assessment of \$250.00 per acres and \$30.00 increase the county will receive \$238,000 for the year. Mr. Hitsman spoke and stated that there is still a balance why not just bring it up so that there is no deficit. Chair spoke and stated that they are working with the county and that there may be money coming back to us and maybe bring a balance to our budget. Fumero spoke and stated that the report that was done with Underwood management group and obtain some of the money back to our district. Chair ask if anyone else would like to speak on this, Mr. Boy recommend that board approve tentative budget and Fumero stated that in August we due the final budget and Boy has to send our tentative budget to the tax collector office and property appraisal. Chair ask if anything else on our budget.

Adjourn the budget work shop and commenced regular meeting.

Chair ask to approve meeting minute decide to hold off till next meeting.

Public comments- Tim Hitsman ask about his road Avenida del Sur and S. Sendero Street and would like his road to be built up because he need to bring up to date his driveway and would like the road and the drive to match. They continue to talk about Chair ask Hitsman to make that list and ask if there were anymore public comments no one answer they went on to the next item.

The next item was seat 4 that Mr. Gonzalez had resigned and that they have two options. 1) do nothing and leave it open 2) appoint some one or open it o the public. Chair ask public, Hitsman stated that who ever is interested as public record to the community for that seat so everyone will know. Ismael spoke and ask if they were going to vote right now, Chair stated that we are trying to establish it now on what we are going to do. Fumero stated that the Board are the ones that are going to make that decision. Seat 2 ask can't we just have the Governor fill that seat, Fumero stated that they can add anyone and went on to talk about the how long it would take for their office to fill it, Then Seat 2 ask how about letting out Supervisor of Elections to do it, Fumero stated that it will then cost us. Seat2 stated that would be fair especially for there seat. They continued to speak about the process and they ask Fumero to check on that route with Supervisor of Election for the upcoming election in November. There is also another option about doing as Mr. Hitman requested in involving the community.

Discussed golf carts on the road ways. Mr. Fumero sent out two emails about the information on this. There is a law FL Statue 316 that govern if and how and when golf carts are permitted in city and the

District attorney explained that his office has been discussing with Hendry County the issue of golf cart usage on roads within the District. He stated that he and the County attorney prepared the draft letter which he provided to the board requesting an opinion from the Florida Attorney General about

golf cart usage on roads within the District. Board members discussed the purpose of sending the letter and potential outcomes. Supervisor Santiago motion and Supervisor Sanatana second all I's, motion went thru. Following a motion and vote, the board approved submittal of the letter jointly by Hendry County and the District to the Florida Attorney General concerning golf cart usage within the District. Fumero continued to go over a letter sent to the SFWMD about the reservoir from a resident to speak about this letter. Fumero to continue to speak about the letter he received from SFWMD on their finding in the reservoir. Fumero gave a few options; 1) close it for good, 2) pull a permit, 3) go in and close off the trails that lead to the wetland's areas. He continued to speak on different ways to help resort and the board needs to vote on which options they will be moving forward with to give an answer to the SFWMD. Supervisor Santana ask Fumero if they can reopen the reservoir, Fumero stated no because we will then end up in court. There has to be a plan that we can present and work out the details. They continued to speak on how they can try to reopen the reservoir. Supervisor Santiago motion to come up with a plan to some of the wetland area Second by supervisor Santana all I's motion went thru.

Discuss the use of the rock from the reservoir for road. Mr. Bennett went on to express they wanted to go back out to the reservoir and pull some rock to be tested. Chair ask if that material doesn't hold up to DOT standard can we still use. Mr. Bennett stated that we can use it and also how we apply it and Chair ask Fumero to please check on this to make sure it is okay to do this with the material because of liability. Mr. Bennett stated that we could do it because the foundation of roads have been set with the material from Ridgill. He also stated that they did need to go back out there and check out the material to offset the cost from purchasing it. They passed on the voting till the testing is done.

The swell project Chair ask that we have 1.6 it have affect when are we going to start this project, Mr. Bennett stated this the best time to ride the roads to see where the problems are on these roads. The second question is the funding that we obtain can be used for this? Mr. Bennett spoke and stated that the money is the extra pump station and the culverts that needed to be replaced and we are still waiting on the state to issue these money. District Manager stated that the biggest issue are the culverts. Chair ask if they can come up with the most to least critical issues. Supervisor Santiago ask if they were using the laser to place the culvert and will they line up with the one that are already in place. District Manager stated yes. Fumero stated that we can send them a letter to have it fix. When it comes to water control we have the authority to remove or make them repair it to make sure that it water is running accordingly.

Maintenance tax increase to \$30.00 to go up for next year 2022 by Supervisor Santana Motion Supervisor Santiago second all I's motion passed. Motion for tentative budget accepted, Supervisor Santana motioned and Supervisor Santiago second motion passed.

Boy spoke on the CD's and getting quotes. He spoke about the statu year out of rates and highest rates and hi recommendation and dividing the 1.7 million, Chair ask if the interest on the CD's went towards the levy Boy stated no. Boy needs a motion to split for 1 year at .45 and the second motion for 2 at .6 to purchase these cd's, Supervisor Santana motion both and Supervisor Santiago second all I's.

District Manager spoke that he communicated with Commissioner Iglesia about the damaged culvert in the Woodland area.

Supervisor Santiago spoke about Waste Connections and we have to take it the County to address this issue and write a formal complaint. Fumero stated that we need to have Commissioner Iglesia.

Chair spoke and reminded everyone about our 1st Annual Golf Tournament to raise fund for our Summer Camp Program.

Meeting Adjourn.