

Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Board of Supervisors

Budget/Regular 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, Supervisor Alvarez, Supervisor Santana, Chair, District Engineer and District Manager present, seat 2 not currently present for Budget Workshop. Supervisor Santiago came in late toward the end of the regular meeting.
 - c. **Addition to Agenda 4D discuss and vote on posting of seat 4 general election. Supervisor Alvarez motion for the adoption of new item Supervisor Santana second all I'll, motion passed.**

Approval of Regular & Budget meeting minutes of Emergency meeting May 28, 2021, June 23, 2021, July 14, 2021, and July 28, 2021, Supervisor Alvarez motion for approval Supervisor Santana, second all I's motion passed.

Public comment:

Ismael Ramos, 165 N Jinete St., addressed the board, first by thanking Herminio & Becky on paper work that he requested about a former employee. He stated that there was a sexual harassment issue and he had asked several times in the office if there was a sexual harassment with the employee in which he requested. Mr. Fumero spoke and expressed about the law and we have to be careful what is stated until the investigation was conducted and also the Hendry Sheriff was called and advised about the incident but the parents didn't want to press charges. They continued to go back and forth.

Chris Self- 266 Avenida del Club, He handed out a paper to the board it was a letter of incident with another employee that involved him. He then read the letter and went on to speak about it. Chair ask what is it that he is trying to say, did someone get fired or what. Chris then went on to say that it had to do with a political scheme and to stain people.

Ismael came back up to question board and Chair ask for him to sit back down. Ismael continued to speak and go back and forth with board, Chair ask Officer Dominugez to escort him out of the meeting.

Fumero then went on to speak about the Underwood Management report. Mr. Underwood would not be able to attend. Fumero went on to speak about how Montura is not getting the service that we should be receiving. They continued to speak about this and to speak to the county and how they are aware of this already.

Ariel from 575 N. Palomino St., spoke about his road and how bad it is. District Manager addressed him and told him that we were waiting for more material to continue with road. Chair stated for Herminio to use whatever money need be to get roads done.

Sanatana brought up Miguel Reyes came to him about his culvert. Hermino then spoke that his culvert is like that because it is old. Chair spoke that we will be addressing this issue, Chris Self gave an idea on how to help with this issue.

Chair continued with agenda to old and new business.

District Attorney spoke about the letter of SFWMD and what their findings and they spoke about the uplands and making new trails and putting up barrier to the wetland area. He made a few calls to get a consultant to come out and look at the wetland and he was able to obtain Bearclaw Consultant to put a proposal to do an assessment of our wetland. They continued to speak about this Fumero ask that Bearclaw has reviewed and not to exceed \$8500.00 proposal if it is acceptable Supervisor Santan motion, Supervisor Alvarez second motion approved.

District Treasurer went over final budget and went over several tentative budget and nothing has been changed to the final budget. Chair ask we are we at on this fiscal year of 2021 budget, John went on to explain that we had gone over \$135,000.00. This budget is just maintaining what we have now. Chair ask what is it that he needs from the board, John asks to approve the Final Budget, Supervisor Alvarez motion Supervisor Santana second all I's motion carried for Final Budget of 2022. Supervisor Santana ask about the grant to help out with the culverts and repairs, Fumero stated that we will not see in that in a lump sum.

Fumero spoke about the open seat 4 and it has to be held by a full-time resident. The board can appoint someone, but the board wanted to have an open public process. That is any one that is a full-time resident and would like to run for the seat can come by and fill out the form for the rest of the term. Fumero stated that we can run an ad and get the new out into the community. Chair ask if they could put it out with the general election, Fumero stated that he spoke with Brenda Hoot that the board need to make a decision on what way to go. They continued to speak back and forth on this and other districts with the same

situation, Supervisor Santana stated that they should appoint someone. Resident spoke about letting the community vote instead of four board members. Chair stated that is why he ask for the Supervisor of Elections to do it, Fumero stated that we would have to pay any where from \$6000.00 thru \$12,000.00 because it would be considered a special election. Chair ask if Fumero can get some sure numbers for the board. Resident ask if they do appoint some one can there be some standards, Chair stated we can have a questionnaire, Fumero stated that they request a resume about they knowledge of the community. They must be a registered voter as well in our community. They continue to speak back an forth about it.

District Manager went over his report and how they are still working with engineer and Taylor electric about the electric at the clubhouse. Spoke about the amount of permits we had 296. Trash picked up and the amount that has been picked up and the tree debris. Lift station needs attention at the club house. Supervisor Santana spoke about the garbage truck not picking the resident garbage, Chair stated that they need to call a number and District Manager gave the number out 863-675-2481. Chair ask about the graded roads and if we could do something the road are bad. Chair ask about the box blade that were bought. District manager stated that we have used them and cut roads but there are in bad conditions. Chair ask about the list of the complaints and see where we are at. District manager explained that during the raining seasons we can't do roads, how the grader was down for about 5 month and how our budget ran out. After raining season, we will pick back up on the roads. Chair stated that if EMS of Fire department needs to get through, they need to be able to get to the emergency. They continued to speak about ways to help get roads done with box blades and they continued to go back and forth. Chair ask about open position, we have a total of three. Heavy equipment, highway technician, and the club house maintenance. Supervisor Santan stated that some people have applied for the club house. District manager stated yes, but some have been contacted and no answer other have a background and can't hired.

Engineer went over his report. Chair ask him about the rock pit that we have in the reservoir. Bennett continued to go over report. Supervisor Santana ask about Elk Street and the level of the road is to lower and he believes that we should be=ring it up. Woodland area needs to be raised up; Engineer stated. They continued to speak about the woodland area.

District Treasure went over the last ten months. He went over back activities and how we have collected everything and we should continue to collect. He continued to go over the budget. Chair ask the only way to get out of this deficit is to get money back from the county. Chair ask Fumero how can we get money

back becoming our own and getting our own zip code. Fumero state that we would have to go to legislation and it will take a few years and if Hendry County agrees. They continued to speak about getting out of 298, because something needs to be done.

Fumero went over his report, brought up Christopher Self and the law sue against CCWCD. He stated that Traveler's has hired a law firm for this. Chair about the golf cart, Fumero stated that we are sending a joint letter with the Hendry County requesting the Attorney General to review the golf cart issue along with today you approved the minute's meeting to attach with the letter.

Supervisor Santiago arrived and ask the community present if anyone had something to say. Resident Ismael stated that roads are horrible and also that he brought up an issue about a sexual harassment issue about an employee. Supervisor Santiago stated that he did bring him the issue and that there is an investigation that was taken place, and also that Ismael stated that he had a video and to produce the video. Supervisor Santiago stated that lets stay on the topic and not try to derail him. Ismael stated that let stay on the roads, they continued to go back and forth, Ismael then went and sat back down. Ismael then came back to the stand to debate, Chair stated to Ismael that this is a board supervisor report. Ismael then became upset and Supervisor Santiago stated that he is there for the community. Ismael then expressed his self. Chair then spoke about change. They went back and forth at the end Ismael was ask to sit. Officer Dominguez ask him to accompany him out side and he refused and escorted him out. Ismael continued to curse at the officer and he then was token out of the room. See video for full disclosure. The meeting continued board continued to speak about the waste company that picks up trash in the community. Fumero stated that the contract is held by the county and that who we need to go through and call Commissioner Iglesia and complain to him.

Supervisor Santana spoke about the shelter for the school buses for the kids as they wait for the buses. The board has addressed this before and it becomes a liability and who is going to maintain it and keep up with it. Supervisor Alvarez also stated that we offer land so they can build a school for our children and still nothing. Supervisor Santiago spoke that he even looked into as Lehigh Acres has done as well with picnic tables changes to signs. They continued to go back and forth on this as well. Supervisor Santana also spoke about an ambulance in Montura 24 hour at the Fire Station for emergencies. Supervisor Alvarez stated that we have to keep hammering it with Hendry County. Resident spoke and stated that we do have an ambulance here but it they are needed somewhere else they will be dispatched. They continued to speak about it.

Supervisor Alvarez spoke that there should be something done about the disrespect being done and the interrogation of employees and cursing and no one should be subject to that. Chair stated that this is what the Robert's law again to implement the community to speak and not get out of hand. Fumero stated that he never stated what he wanted, speak about Ismael. They continued to speak about the incident. Supervisor Alvarez stated that it doesn't matter there should be a disrespect and it should not be done period. Chair stated that it was his fault and will take responsibility but moving forward it will not happen again. Supervisor Alvarez motion to adjourn meeting and Supervisor Santana second all I's.

Meeting Adjourn.