

Minutes of the September 22, 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, Supervisor Santana, Chair, Supervisor 2, District Engineer and District Manager present, District Attorney running late ,and Supervisor Alvarez will not be present.
 - c. **Addition or Deletions.**

Chair ask if John Boy needed anything, Final budget needs to be voted on, chair ask if there was anything different, John stated that just the tax increase they requested. Chair ask Herminio what is the next big thing that will be coming off our budget that we can put back on to our roads.

John Fumero has now joined the meeting and has the budget resolution. Fumero went over the resolution they continued to speak on the budget. Supervisor Santiago motion to except new budget and Supervisor Santana second, motion approved.

Fumero spoke on the consultants for the reservoir and brought in the contract and the went over it.

Chair ask Fumero to go over the Rule of Decorum that he had sent via email. Chair spoke to have the board go over and wait.

Addition to agenda, add the Bear Claws Proposal, motion by Supervisor Santiago motion to be added, Supervisor Santana second all l's motion passed.

Regular/ budget meeting minutes for August 25, 2021 for approval, motioned by Supervisor Santiago and second by Supervisor Santana, all l's motioned passes

Supervisor Santiago wanted to add and item to the agenda, Supervisor Santana motioned Supervisor Santiago second motioned passed.

Public comment:

Chris Self, 266 Avenida Del Club, spoke on reservoir, ask the board if they would consider for mitigation that would bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Fumero spoke and explained about mitigation banks and over time if successful could bring in revenue. Chair ask for Fumero to check on it.

Chair went on to the agenda. Chair brought up to put a sign in the Woodland entrance, they went back and forth and tabled for next meeting.

Also, rule of decorum was also table for the next meeting.

Adoption of Final Budget, Supervisor Santiago motioned and Supervisor Santana second, all I's motion passes, Final Budget adopted.

District manager went over his report. Spoke about the swells in the Woodland area that Hendry County has been working on the corner of Pine Cone Ave and Palm St.. The continued to speak about other concrete culverts that belong to county. Continues to speak about road and the cold patch on potholes and come up with and idea to continue to do asphalt road instead of just patching them. He spoke on the club house and the lighting at the clubhouse and adding light switches. Also went over the pool vacuum and maintenance and purchase of new pool. Also went over permits sold and pumps ran to keep canals down. He mentions about the easement that was found by canal 10 and to start to clean it up because there is to much water coming in. They also found the water coming in from canal 1 and 2 and they block the drainage from coming back into our canal. Supervisor Santana ask who responsibility it is to clean out culverts. Fumero explained that we issue permits to allow people to put a culvert on our property to get into their property. Fumero continued to explain in that it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain and keep it clean. They continue to speak about this. Chris Self spoke that in the past they would remove the ones and replace it if there was a problem with the damaged ones, not all of them. Supervisor Santiago ask if we were allowed to remove the ones that are broke and charge the landowners. Herminio asks if we can come up with something were we change out the broke ones and just charge the landowners at a minimum monthly until they pay it back. Fumero stated yes, that's a great idea.

Chair ask about canal and set a plan in motion to get that cleaned put, Herminio spoke and stated that it is in motion. Chair also ask Fumero to draft a letter t Alico for the material used to close out the Hacienda area to canal 1. Chris spoke that CCWCD had made a burm to stop the water from being pumped over into CCWCD. Fumero spoke and stated that he just needs pictures and the information to put something together. Chair ask Avenida Del Sur, Granja towards the end that there is a lake. Herminio spoke that he got a call from Buggy that someone was pumping water into our canal. He continued to talk about the fish farm and how they are pumping on the back side overnight,

Herminio stated that he didn't see anything but if he could show him, he can do something about it. They continued to speak about it.

Mr. Bennett spoke went over his report. Chair ask if he could put on a map what is our and Hendry County and how the master flow downs.

Mr. Boy has two extra items; the board had approved the purchased of 1.7 million cd and that they have the information that they need. Chair must be one of the signers and treasurer so there is a control. He also brought up the worker comp contract and the rates. Chair stated he would like to see options and quotes moving forward. Chair would like it two months before time to be able to go over. Supervisor Santiago motion for the worker comp insurance approved and Supervisor Santana second, all I's motion approved. Boy continued to go over the budget.

Fumero then went over his report as attorney. He spoke on the law suite from Chris Self on the Orland Piz and CCWCD, we have a very good law firm, and the firm petition the courts to have it dismissed. He continued to go over Hendry County on the process of the report on the Bear Claws Consultant. He stated that we should reach out to the county and speak with Iglesia's and Jennifer, but he didn't know that the board wanted him to be the voice of CCWCD. He also stated that they are not going to right us a check back but maybe they can help fund us with roads, baseball fields and asking them to help. Supervisor Santiago stated that they haven't done anything. Fumero stated that he would need someone from the board to go with him that truly know what they haven't done. Chair ask form him to set something up and meet with Iglesia and Jennifer and see what can be done and give them time to chew on it and come back. Fumero stated that Supervisor Alvarez has information on this, and they can set something up. Drafted a contract for the auditors and gave it to John Boy to go over it with some items on it and then let us know. Also, he reached out to Brenda Hoot about seat 4 and hasn't heard back from her. Chair ask that he wants this process to go smoothly because of issue that have arisen in the community. Supervisor Santiago stated that he spoke to her on the process, and they continued to talk about it.

Supervisor Santiago spoke about roads and how they should look wit a crown and he had a diagram. He went on to explain what his engineer thought about on how to repair our road from what he has seen and ask him if these roads became this way within a four-year span, He stated no, this has been many years of the road not being maintained. He continued in detail about fixing roads during time that is wet which should not take place, yes there are emergencies that need to fix but not during a wet season. He also spoke about the semi-trucks and then messing up our road and the flow of the waters and clearing it.

Chair spoke and stated the water table is high and he then ask Supervisor Santiago if he knew how much it would cost to get the work done on the swells and Supervisor Santiago stated that yes, between \$300,000 to \$400,000. They continued to speak on this issue. Supervisor Santiago also spoke about the concrete swell there is water coming thru, Chair ask engineer to check on this with Herminio. Fumero spoke about this and stated there were permits pulled in order to place this culvert and just to check, they continued to speak about this issue.

Supervisor Santana spoke thanking Herminio for fixing the roads, Herminio stated it wasn't him but his team. Santana continued to speak honoring CCWCD on the Roads and our engineer. Also, for running the pumps over night to keep us dry. He also mentions about the bus stop shelter for the children and he spoke with Swindle and Swindle stated that they don't have the money to build them, but it is a great idea. He continued to speak, and chair ask if the county doesn't have the money how then are they going to help us. Santana continues to speak that he is there speak on behalf of the children of Montura. Chair suggested to Santana to speak again with Swindle and instead of the bus stop to start our own school system, we have the land. They went back and forth on this subject.

Chair report that we are still head strong on the golf tournament and all proceeds are going to the Montura Summer Camp program. Supervisor Santiago Motioned to adjourn and Supervisor Santana second, all I's.

Meeting Adjourn.