

Minutes of the February 23, 2022 Board of Supervisors

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  
Chair ask for Fumero ask to go over the rules of civility and decorum and he read it to the community present.
  - b. **Roll Call.** Chair Mata ask Mrs. Hernandez, to do the roll call. District Treasurer, District Attorney, Supervisor Alvarez, Supervisor Santana, Chair Mata, District Engineer, and District Manager. All present.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda.**

- c. **Additions, Deletion, and Substitutions.** Meeting minute for January not in agenda and to add FASD to become members of it and to be voted.
- d. **Adoption of Agenda.**
- e. **Approved without objections.**

**Public Comment:** Before public comments Mr. Fumero read of the decorum to the community present.

Enaida Medina, 125 W. Marimba Cir., she stated that many down her road are wanting to move because of the trash company and the roads are very bad and nothing is been done. She also mentioned that for the children not having something to protect them. Also, that the taxes are being raised. Chair ask if Herminio would translate and Herminio stated that he is not never good. Supervisor Santana excepted to translate. Chair then ask Boy to explain about the taxes and how the mileage rate has gone up. Herminio stated that we have patched area on Perimeter Road, and the trash has nothing to do with us. If its on the side of the road. She also spoke about the time of the meetings dates for those that come from Miami. Also, the lighting on the street were the kids wait for the bus stops. Supervisor Daniel spoke and stated that he is working with Glades Electric. Chair ask Engineer about what we have now and how it works. Supervisor Alvarez stated the light have nothing to do with us that is for the school board should be responsible for this. Chair ask Hermino to drive down Perimeter and take pictures and see what it will cost to repair that road.

Orlando Bohorquez, 266 Avenida Del Centro, He is new in the area and would like to participate and help out in the community of Montura. He would like to help be apart

of the solution in help out in Montura, currently they live here but, in a few years, they would like to be.

Yojani Nunez, 612 Avenida Del Sur, she happened to go onto YouTube and watched the video and she saw a lot of people that said this was a he says she says. She went on to say that she left a message and not spoke in Spanish and she would like to know what was done. She said she had an agreement with the manager and it wasn't handled. She stated that she wasn't given the chance to make a report. How is it that this person was able to quit and then later on rehired? How was this investigated. She stated that they went to her house. She stated that hire 16-year son isn't feeling safe here and moved to another state. She stated that he never pressed charges because she had an agreement that it would be handle by the office and states nothing was ever done. Chair stated that he knows how she is feeling but she needs to direct it to him. Mom was upset and continued to repeat the same information. Chair ask if Fumero could speak in regards to this situation. Chair ask someone to rehash what happen. Herminio apologized to the mother for the situation and he went on to say that he asks her if he had permission to speak to her son about the situation and she said yes and they spoke about the dogs and then he asks mom and she needs to call the Sheriffs department and said I don't want to get anyone in trouble, then Herminio said if you're not I need to know because I have to call them anyways. She then stated that as long as the we (CCWCD) handle the problem she wouldn't call. Mom continued to say that her son was sexually harassed by an employee, Herminio continued and stated that he went to the office and called the sheriff's and Officer Dominguez came out and Hermino told him about the situation, Officer Dominguez conferred. Chair then stated that he would of put a weapon on him if it was his child, mom stated that she couldn't afford to go to prison. Fumero stated that she still can file a report. This continued Supervisor Santiago ask as a board can we investigate it and Fumero stated yes. He also went on to say that as a parent no matter what you need to do what you have to.

Antonio Stark, 3710 W Us 27, in the last meeting he had ask what is the boards procedure in regards to trespass. Fumero stated there is no procedure for trespass, it was legal and the police was here and it was handled. Antonio went on to state that what can be done about the officer that is here because he doesn't feel safe Supervisor Santana ask if the officer anyway has threatened him and he stated no. He then went to sit down.

Nelson Garcia, ask about the golf carts, also brought up about the road and how we can do better or at least try. He also ask if the zoning had change an Chair stated no we are still RRF. He also spoke about the golf carts and how they are now aloud to ride them on Flaghole Rd., and went on to give suggestions on how to allow them in our area. He continued to speak about the roads and how it is a public road and hasn't seen any speed limits sign for it to be. He hasn't seen any speeding signs in our area and to find a middle ground to freedom for those that are coming and to consider the golf carts in our community. Chair ask Fumero about the damages to his vehicle, Fumero stated that

Central County roads are public roads, Mr. Nelson suggested that he read the statues on this. They continued to speak about this back and forth and also the street lighting on the roads.

Sharon Martino, 170 S Kennel St., she spoke about the trespass and that Ismael was treated unfairly and falsely arrested. She asks if they would remove the trespassing order removed. Chair ask if for Fumero to come back to answer her question, Supervisor Santana ask Officer Dominguez and Officer Dominguez stated it is an open case and can't be spoken about.

Roly Gonzalez, 825 N Brida St., he would like to second what Mr. Nelson stated about the golf issue and this will continue as Montura grow this will be an issue. He went on to say that Central County continues to do their job and fix the roads, that is their job. He stated that he has seen the guys go out there and do their job and challenged everyone there to go out there and do try it. He also stated it is not just four-wheelers it a lot of there vehicle and when you moved out here you new that there where dirt road. He stated that going forward to make a motion putting this to a community to let the atv back on the roads in Montura. The officers are doing their job but if Central County will implement to let them back on the road. Chair stated to Mr. Gonzales that it is on the agenda to be voted on. Supervisor Santiago went on to state that we requested from the state to see if we are legally allowed to permit this. Supervisor Santana stated that the law prohibits the atv on road. Caridad that lives on Kennel St., who will protect her rights that come by and do doughnuts on the road that has been fix. Chair stated that this is going to be a tuff decision to see if the board give permission to ride on the right of ways.

Chris Self, 266 Avenida del Club, He brought up if we could have poll watchers and if the board has to vote or the state. Fumero spoke that there will be a CPA's firm that will be hired by the firm and the firm that did it for thirty years has refused to do, but the board could put something in place like that. Supervisor Santiago stated that he spoke to Brenda Hoot that she would do it for a fee and oversee the election. They continue to speak about this back and forth. He also stated that the main office is closed, Chair stated that the office is open, Chris went on to say he couldn't be able to review documents, but the clubhouse is open and didn't make sense.

Old & New Business:

Contract G139, Supervisor Alvarez ask if we received it, Herminio stated no. Supervisor Alvarez stated that he will get with Carney about this. Chair explain to the community what the contract was in reference to.

Supervisor Santana spoke on second item on the agenda of raising the payrate for new employees coming in to \$14.00 to \$15.00 for new employees and \$18.00 to \$19.00 for heavy equipment operators coming in as new employees that is his motion. Chair ask if there were any material to back up. John Boy explains the break down and how this also will affect the employees that are currently working and receiving less. He then

went on to explained that he asks Herminio and Becky to help put the numbers together. Supervisor Santiago ask if the employees have health insurance, Becky stated that the employees are covered 100% but not the family. Supervisor Santana stated to Supervisor Santiago that that is not the motion that is on the floor. Fumero went on to explain to Santana that John Boy was just saying if our current employees are making less, you can't leave the employee that has been there for years be at the same or less. Herminio also tried to explain it but the continue to go back and forth. So Sanatana motioned it again to the board, no second motion didn't pass.

Chair went on to next item, if we have authority to have a festival or fair on Central County property. Fumero answered yes, that he looked at the charter and we have good argument that it would fall under recreational facility and areas for the benefits of the residents. The motion on the floor is to permit a festival to start sometime in May, second by Supervisor Santiago, three I's and one nay, Supervisor Santana. Fumero continued and stated Supervisor Santiago also ask about bringing Nike to have permission to sell their product at every event and in agreement the will re do the basketball court, baseball field, and soccer field and it would be permitted.

Supervisor Santiago stated that they had brought up the issue about the swell project again and to get going on this. Motion on the floor to start the swell project, Hermino stated if we are going to start for the board to remember it will take about \$20,000.00 per road but there should be a vote on resident culvert and we are replacing them for free. Supervisor Santiago stated we will be responsible for what are supposed to do with in our four walls and send them a letter addressing the project with the detail making them aware. Herminio stated the minute we take out a culvert we have to put it back so they can get back into there property. Supervisor Santiago stated we will give them a time frame and if they don't get back to us, we will then just take it out and then the landowner will be responsible. Hermino also asks what are we going to do when we get to a beautiful concrete culvert and we replacing it with concrete or are we replacing it with lime rock or millings. Chair ask engineer to speak on were the swell starts and engineer stated from the center of the distance between the roads. They continued to speak back and forth. Herminio went back to what Daniel stated, chair stated that we will get the attorney involved. Fumero stated to make sure he is understanding the motion, that if they are working down a road and they shoot the elevation and the first one is correct but then the next one isn't and the landowner hasn't reached out, the conversation went on with different scenarios they continued to speak among each other. Chair then addressed the community present we were are doing this and how we have gone through different storms and the water has been stuck and sooner or later this needs to happen and it is going to come with some inconveniences. Supervisor Santana stated that these issues we are having has been of poor maintenance from Central County for many years, actually 40. He continued to speak and Supervisor confirmed on the 40 year and evaluate the once that are least difficult to do to get started. Chris Self ask about the grant that Central County received can they invest on the culverts for the infostructure of the community. Hermino stated that the ones put

on the grant were for the ones off the canals. If we start this project to be aware we will not be able to work on anything else. Chair ask to be created. Motion by Supervisor Alvarez, Hermino interjected, Chair stated if they have a problem, they run into just call the engineer or bring it back to the board, Motion once again, Supervisor Alvarez motion, second by Santiago three I's and one nay.

Discuss and vote on mail box proposal, Supervisor Santiago stated he spoke with Ramon Iglesia last month to discuss that Hendry County to pay for the repairs of the mail box and he would get back to him. Iglesia stated after going back and forth with the attorney's, motion on the floor to approve the mailbox repairs, moved by Supervisor Alvarez and second by Santana all I's.

Discuss and vote on surrendering roads to Hendry County brought up by Supervisor Alvarez. He explained that they have a bigger pull in their budget where they can pull from. Supervisor Santiago stated that he is a hard no because they will tax us just to get the money and not care. They went back and forth and the best thing would be to move out of this 298. Motion on the floor to surrender the road to Hendry County, Fumero spoke that they met with the county's attorney, county manager, Benny, county engineer, and Shane stated we can charge an extra tax for the roads. Supervisor Santana stated can't we take them to court or just get out of this 298. Motion on the floor no second motion doesn't carry.

Discuss and vote on having family members to work for the summer camp, motion by Supervisor Alvarez that family member can be employed for summer camp program for ever. All I's motion pass.

Discuss and vote on rock pit to use instead of the purchasing of material from other companies. Herminio spoke about that engineer tested the material and didn't pass the inspection for dot material but if we can use this material for the road. Chair ask if we could use this on the road and engineer stated could we use it. Engineer stated that yes, we would have to just apply more. Chris Self stated that the material has a lot of clay and engineer stated not the one they pulled out. Hermino stated it is a base but not dot approved. They are going to test the material again to see if it's good enough for road.

Discuss and vote to have the usage of atv's on the roads. Chair express that he is between. Supervisor Santana stated that this is illegal on state road how can you approve this. They spoke back and forth. Motion on the floor the use of four-wheeler on the side of the roads, Roly then was permitted to speak about the riding and to have a decal on the locals and those that are riding without one the sheriffs can pull them over. They continued to speak about this. Finally, motion was not passed.

Discuss and vote on golf carts, Fumero started by explaining about the letter he sent to the attorney generals along with Hendry County attorney. Fumero handed out the letter from the attorney general office in regards to a petition about riding golf carts on Central County roads. He then received the letter from them stating that it is

prohibited to have golf carts on our roads. This goes back to that we don't have the authority to ride on our roads with golf carts.

**District Attorney's Report** – Mr. Fumero went over items during the agenda items. He gave update on Ramos, the assistant district attorney has hundred of cases and he has to send out letters to everyone but not everyone is called in. Meeting next week with Bear Claw consultants and SFWMD and will bring update. Chair stated that because of this SFWMD aren't really paying attention to this Fumero stated that we are at the bottom. Supervisor Santana ask to change the system from 298 with the legislature and what do we need to do. Fumero stated we would need a lobbyist in Tallahassee. Community member stated why is it that employees can ride on the golf carts and why residents can't. They are not allowed to give the general public authority and the employees are doing there job not just riding around.

**District Manager's Report-** Herminio went briefly over his report. Bulk trash is becoming a problem. Valentines' day event was very sad no showed up, soccer tournament is coming up. Working on estimates on sign for Montura and LED sign for announcement and events. Chair ask when will the pool be open. Herminio stated for spring break and it will close during school time and weekend will be open. On summer camp it is open but after the camp is over. The list of complaints of roads couldn't print out due to computers were down will forward to Chair. Santiago spoke on Waste Connection and getting out of the contract with them. Supervisor Alvarez stated we need to get out of this issue of this and also, stated the County has been very good and has met with us every time we have ask them to. Herminio stated that what Benny stated is true but the have the ability to obtain more money for us. Supervisor Santana stated he would Like to thank Ramon Iglesia for everything in regards to the mail boxes and Benny stated for every thing we have ask of him.

**District Engineer's Report** – Engineer went over his report. Paving project for Hunting club and working on the list of roads and will have it for the next meeting. He also turned in the annual report to the state C139 permit. The club house air conditioning project and waiting on response. He also stated about the monument signs that Hermino asks of him. Supervisor Santana thank him.

**District Treasurer Report-** Treasurer went over budget for January. Four months in the year disburse \$194,000. He spoke on current taxes and delinquent taxes. Also, on discuss where we are at with the budget how we are over had major purchases in the month. He also brought the information on borrowing about 2 million and gave the break down. Fumero spoke and also explained how the banks are going to want to know how that we are going to pay it back and have a contract and what 2 million will buy in regards to roads being asphalt. Marcy asks about page 15 that she is reading it correctly if that is just that the month of January of 213 hours of overtime. John Boy stated, yes. John Fumero asks if that was consistent. Herminio

explained this is correct because we have been working from 7 to 5pm Monday thru Friday and also on Saturday as well.

Board of Supervisor Santiago spoke about ac for the clubhouse to be certified we needed the doors to the facility be brought up to code and it needs to be handicap approved. Also, he asks if anyone else had the time to travel to another district, he did and we need to move away from the 298. He also stated that we need to update our vehicles and he also understand why we need to be apart of the FASD because we can qualify for benefits from other 298 district around. He also contacted a few vendors to get quotes for new vehicle. He also got a quote on 5 John Deere equipment side by sides because we will be expanding and went over the Chevy quotes of the vehicles. Also expanding on personnel and have equipment up to date.

Supervisor Santana spoke and had a conversation with Swindle about bringing a charter school system to Montura. He went on to explain that he will go over the information and will come and speak to the board about this.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Alvarez second by Supervisor Santana.

**Adjournment.** Chair Mata meeting adjourn.