

Minutes of the April 27, 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
 - b. **Roll Call.** Chair Mata ask Mrs. Hernandez, to do the roll call. District Attorney, District Treasurer, District Attorney, Supervisor Seat 3, Chair Mata, Supervisor Seat 2, District Engineer, and District Manager. Supervisor Alvarez will not be present.

Approval of Meeting Agenda.

- b. **Additions, Deletion, and Substitutions.** Fumero Commissioner Iglesias to speak.
- c. **Fumero stated Supervisor of Election was present and Hendry County School present to let them speak first.**
- d. **Adoption of Agenda.** Approval of agenda approved, Supervisor Santiago motioned Supervisor Santana second all I's, motion moved. Meeting minutes for March 23, 2022, motion for approval. Supervisor Santiago motion and Supervisor Santana second, all I's motion approved, minutes approved.
- e. **Approved without objections.**

Public Comment:

Melanie, 435 S Arboleda St., she would like to use the pool and have access to it at the whole week and not just during the weekend for her to exercise. During the summer the have the summer program and the pool is not available till after 3:00 pm. Chair ask if there are any issues, Fumero stated we need to just check for any liability issue before they decide. Herminio stated that it has always been said no but thing change. Melanie asks why, Herminio stated that it is because the person was by themselves and no lifeguard present. Santana asks her that she wants to in the pool and be by herself. Santiago stated the office is aware of it and it is a liability, and it is beneficial to have it open on the weekends with lifeguard. They ask Herminio to explain, he stated that she wants to swim by herself while the pool is closed. Fumero stated what Herminio is saying that if we are going to open it that it shouldn't be just for one person. Chair ask to find out with our insurance carrier and for Herminio and Becky get her information to contact her back on this. They continue back and forth.

Chair continued with the agenda items and called Commissioner Iglesias was requested to come and discuss on the roads and the grant. March of 20, 2021 grant was DEO approved the contract came in and Shane will provide a timeline, Benny Alvarez reached out to see if the county would help CCWCD out with the roads. Zoom meeting

with the county was set up on possibilities of county taking over the road and there would be a special tax that will be applied to help with the maintenance. The county would also need to know what equipment that CCWCD currently has that will not be needed if this would occur to at least know what they can count on, this would be through the msvu, special tax that will help compensated back to CCWCD. This all would have to go through the Board of Commissioners, Shane will be the one to go over the details of all this and he would be the person to propose it to their board. Fumero, ask Commissioner Iglesias, going back to the grant, Mr. Iglesias stated that the county has the authority to move forward, and this would be a good time to pull together the selection committee and have at least two of ours that have been intimately involved in this process, like the engineer and the manager. Mr. Shane, County Engineer, was presented and will continue to answer the questions to the board. Shane Parker, Hendry County Engineer for the record, he went on to address the storm water grant, the board approved it last night, I am the legal person by Tallahassee, and once they a fully executed agreement sign by both parties his staff will start the scope of work and engineering firm. He went on to speak about locating all the culverts and the consultants to know what they are looking for drainage wise. Mr. Bennett spoke one of the things that qualified us that it had to ready be 70 percent ready and that is why we want the Shane to come out. Shane said that was great and to please submit it and they can go over what is done and then go on to send it in to Tallahassee and move forward to bidding. Fumero, ask he said that we needed an RFQ, Shane stated. He did at first, but Mr. Bennett has the plans, they continued to go back and forth. Once Mr. Bennett finish them, he will send them in and once approved then they can move forward and start to put it out there for bid, and they get a contractor and have it approved, Shane asks if we have an inspector or if Mr. Bennett's firm was going to do it, if not he would also have to put it out for bid. They continued to talk about the process. Chair has three questions are we following Hendry County codes, Shane said we will follow the plans. Chair ask if there will be a civil process on this, Shane stated yes and went on to explain the process. Chair ask are we going to have a contingency plan, Shane went on to explain the engineer cost and so the prices will change and prioritize what we need to do in case of a change order. They continued to go back and forth. In the process Mr. Bennett and Herminio will be present. County only pays the actual cost.

Herminio stated that the culverts lead to the canals that Shane was going to inspect them, Shane stated that was before I know that Mr. Bennett had the plan. Chair ask Mr. Bennett what he sees with 30% mark up, Chair went on to ask Shane went on to explain. Spoke about adjust, such as asphalt and fuel. Santiago ask what is the county getting out of the 1.6 million grant. Shane spoke that they don't get anything. Santana ask if they could use part of the money for culverts that are not in good shape. Shane stated that is a maintenance issue no disrespect to anyone. Shane went on to explain how they do it at the county. Santana stated that Hendry County Commissioners were going to replace the culverts. Shane stated he doesn't recall. They continue to talk about Hendry County rules on culverts. Santiago added that the owners are responsible

for the culverts her. That is why he wanted to know, Fumero added that they are available to obtain and administrative fee. Shane stated that he doesn't receive anything he is just a pass thru. Chair ask if there were any more questions about the drainage. No answer, they continued to the roads. Shane went on to speak about the road and they charge \$35.00 and for Wheeler \$54.00, they don't have pump station they have risers. Shane continued to speak on the process of how they take care of the roads. Everything must be brought to the Board for approval through Hendry County even to be considered. Fumero then went to explain to Santana how things are done when it come to grants.

Chair continues with agenda, ask Santiago to speak on the fair that he has been looking into. Supervisor Santiago went on to explain what the company he has been talking to and they will need a deposit the board will need to decide during this meeting to move forward with this event. Chair ask Fumero about this, Fumero stated that when will it be held. Supervisor Santiago went on to give date and the how everything will be broken down. Chair ask if there is contract, Santiago said they didn't want to propose a contract until they had a commitment. They will be doing all the marketing and selling of food. He continued to give more details on this event. They continued to go back and forth. Commissioner Iglesias ask if they could obtain a hold harmless for the selling of alcohol. Fumero stated we need to get all the information. Chair ask what we are getting out of this if the does approve this event. Fumero stated no money will be given out at this time. Boy stated we have money to do it but doesn't know if the event will be profitable. Chair stated not sure if we can do this, ask Fumero Supervisor Santana motion to start the process supervisor Santiago second motion carries all I's.

Supervisor Santana, mentioned that Deputy Dominguez has been promoted to Sargent, everyone applaud. He also wanted the board to approve of a \$5000.00 donation for Deputy Dominguez, Officer Dominguez that he can put a letter to present and have record of it. Motion on the floor carries of donation to Hendry County Sheriffs office for equipment. Santana thanks Commissioner Iglesias for the roof over the mailboxes. Commissioner Iglesias spoke about this and the whole process and what it took to get it done.

Chair ask Herminio speak on the possibility of leave the park open 24 hours. Herminio went on to explain that the City of Clewiston has all their parks open 24 hours, but we have grills and can be come a big liability. He really doesn't want to leave the park open with grills. Supervisor Santiago stated that he investigated it and went into detail. He also stated that he spoke to people why did start to close the playground and they told him that they have vandalized the park and. Motion to open the park for 24 hours, no motion, motion doesn't pass, park will stay as is.

Chair brought up that the clubhouse back in the day that maybe on Saturday and Sunday, they can sell hotdog and hamburgers nothing big just to have something available to sell to people who do come to the clubhouse. They continued to go back and forth, motion on the floor to sell food from clubhouse for the summer to try it out

and hire a part-time person by Supervisor Santiago second by Santana. Fumero stated that we would have to go through Department of Health. Chair ask Becky to make the menu as simple as possible.

Chair ask if we can have the second annual tournament. Chair ask Becky if this is the date October 21, 2022, event is already approved they are just voting on the date. Supervisor Santana motion Supervisor Santiago second all I's motion carries.

Fumero spoke on the budget workshops and dates, Becky spoke that we had adopted the hours before on the monthly meeting dates, so we didn't have to have separate dates. Boy spoke that we had different dates to set up budget development. Before we had to wait to start at 6:00 pm and wait it out to start the regular meeting at 7:00pm. The motion on the floor is to start Budget meeting at 6:00pm and continue on to regular meeting t. Supervisor Santiago motion, Supervisor Santana second all I's motion carries.

CCCWCD list of services that are provided with cost. Herminio spoke on that our cold sac permits are just \$10.00 but they are costing us \$800.00. Chair ask if that is to straighten out the swell. Herminio stated yes. Chair ask what else, Herminio ask to bring up the cost of the rental of club house be raised an extra \$25.00 dollars for day and evenings. The pavilions they only put a hold on the pavilion, and they get their money back. Chair ask pretty much must of this is free. Chair ask to present something on the break down. Supervisor Santiago ask about the clubhouse rental and if it is open to the public as well, Herminio stated yes. He went on to explain the rental of the clubhouse. At night is not open to the public only to the person who is renting it. Supervisor Santiago stated that he knows of other cities where they charge \$300.00 as a base price to help with upkeep of the clubhouse. Supervisor Santiago stated that we need to bring up our prices on the clubhouse rental. Supervisor Santana ask Herminio how much he thinks it is costing us on the cold sac. Herminio stated any where from \$800.00 thru \$1000.00. They continue to speak about the process.

District Manager's Report District Manager gave his report. Haven't been able to do much road because Ridgdill crusher has been down, regardless we gave us time to finish on other project we have. Mulcher is up and running, pump stations inspections, finished pump 9 is functional as well, clean levy on the inside and taking out extra dirt, went over permits, pothole, picking up trash, the problem with tires in the canals are increasing. Sold 276 loads of dirt, Easter event was awesome a lot of help, pool is open and as a reminder you will be getting a lot of feed back because they will not be able to use it. He continued to on with report. Herminio did bring up to the board on some work regarding budget, the budget part of the road we only have \$100,000.00 but we only have \$28,000.00 that we are running out of money. Supervisor Santiago stated that could we use the rock that we must use us on rock and find the equipment. Supervisor Santiago continued to talk to the board about the services from Ridgdill and how they up there price and problems delivering and we need to find a different

vendor. Chair ask about the rock we have, Bennett stated we can use. Chair ask how about other rock pits in our area. They continued to talk about this situation.

District Engineer's Report – Mr. Bennett went over his engineer report.

District Treasurer Report- John Boy gave his report. He went six months into the year we are about \$218,000.00 over budget. Chair stated we need to come up with way to get creative to bring in money. Supervisor Santana ask about the loans from the banks. Boy went on to explain the process and then seek out the bonding, there isn't anything for him to do. Fumero also explains the process.

District Attorney's Report – Fumero spoke on his report and how he helps with the application to FASP, Becky then spoke and that we are a part of them and the training for next month during annual conference and Herminio and Becky will be attending. Fumero continued to tell the board of the benefits being affiliated. Chair ask if we have any updates on the SFWMD and the consultants. Fumero stated no that they are very busy btu will obtain something form them.

Supervisor Santiago spoke on the vehicles, he was able to get back with the vendors from Ford and they are receiving federal government funding and the redid their quote on the vehicle. The monthly price will be about \$2000.00 a month. The salesperson that he spoke with would like to know if it is something that we will be going through so can have them ordered just in case. Supervisor Santiago then went on to present certificates of appreciation to member of the community for helping with countless hours.

Supervisor Santana would like to see if we can get creative with putting light out on the bus stops. He also stated maybe some solar lights. Chair ask if Mr. Bennett would investigate some solar lights or what he thinks. Supervisor Santiago ask Glades Electric about the light, but the bus stops change and investigate putting a permanent location for lighting.

Chair thank everyone for coming out and also helping to make things happen in our community. Also, elections are coming in October, again thank everyone.

Supervisor Santiago motion to adjourn the meeting and Supervisor Santana seconded

Adjournment. Chair Mata meeting adjourn.