

Minutes of the March 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
 - 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 Iglesia 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 January 27, 2022, and February 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:

Supervisor of Elections: Brenda Hoots, will be accepting application for seat 4 and it will be the remaining 2-year term. Chair ask when it will take place, she stated qualifying period, June 13 noon thru June 17 noon, and you can come in prior to that and the deadline is sometime in May for filing petition of you can do 25 petitions for qualifying week for \$25.00, and you must be a register voter. Fumero ask Becky to get the information to place on our website, Brenda stated there will be no extra advertising other than what the division of election put out. The primary won't be till August 23. Supervisor Alvarez ask if she will be handling all our election here on out. Fumero stated there was a confusion and She stated no not recently. She stated you can file with legislation to put them al on a ballot.

Super Intendent, Mr. Swindle spoke, he was asked to come and talk about a school site in Montura. He also introduces Mr. Sanchez who is also is a resident in Montura. They handed a handout about the gathering of information to determine where they can build a school and a school to be built is about fifty million dollars. He continued to speak about the schools that are old and if they are out growing the schools that are currently built. He then went on to go over the handout and the information that there

is a decline in the enrollment of students from Montura. We are no wear capacity to build a school in Montura. Options are if we were flooded by new people coming into the county and must find a set area where to build a new school. We as a district don't have the data too open a new school in our District. Chair ask if this is pre-k thru high school. Mr. Swindle stated all ages. Chair ask what the number is to use r&r fund, Mr. Swindle stated it must be at 100%, with the trend of the area growing. He also stated that they can do portables to establish that in a short time period with the growth. He said you do need at least 20 acres for a school site. Santana asks if there are student from our area that go to Labelle, Swindle stated that yes but not many. Supervisor Alvarez stated that they had offered the area around the clubhouse.

Chair stated that they will be starting public comments and they will have three minutes on the timer.

Miguel Reyes wanted an update on culvert issue on his house. Chair ask for Mr. Bennett or Herminio to speak. Chair ask Miguel to explain, Miguel stated that the culvert is still good, but the sides are missed up. He also reached out to Hendry County. He hasn't caused the damage to the culvert. He wanted to know who is responsible for the culvert. Chair ask Mr. Bennett that even if the replaced that the problem will not go away because of the sediment not going anywhere. Supervisor Santana ask if he that ought the damages to the culvert was due to not maintain the culverts. Bennett stated that he doesn't know what caused the damage. Santana then stated that Mr. Bennett had mentioned before that it was our fault. Mr. Bennett stated that the owner didn't keep up with the culvert covered with dirt. Chair ask if we have excavated that area. Supervisor Alvarez ask if it we can get a hose through it. Herminio stated we can clean it out along with everyone else, but the Board needs to vote that we will be responsible. Supervisor Alvarez stated that we already decided that it is the owners responsible for the upkeep of there own culvert. Chair stated that we are the one causing the issue how are we going to maintain them, so this doesn't happen again. Supervisor Santiago stated this was addressed in the last meeting. We can't just specify for one landowner it has to be. Chair ask Mr. Reyes to send email on a monthly basis to see where we are at with our swell project. Chair also stated that he keeps up with culvert and take pictures and send them in during the raining season. Fumero spoke so if the culvert was perfect, and it was in the same invert cross will this issue continue to happen. Mr. Bennett stated that there is no vegetation that is why he is having this issue. Fumero ask if we were soding around these areas. Herminio spoke that the area it is due to road and the crowing. Supervisor Santana for the record about the taking the culvert out and leaving it open he was against it. If someone needs to get into their property, they should be able.

Mariella Self, 266 Avenida del Club, and she wanted to bring awareness there was 131 hours of overtime that was paid. She continued to bring the total of \$32,000 for these months and this is very concerning. She wanted that to be on the record and it is a lot of money. Supervisor Santiago stated that it was brought up to his attention and he did

investigate it. He stated that he did go and look into it and we have been working on roads and the office staff deals with planning events and other things they are responsible for. He then investigated Lehigh Acres and sought out to them to have a comparison with the growth that is taking place in our community. He also offered to have them walk through the day to day.

Chris Self, 266 Avenida del Club, has a question with the employee and the minor, he had a concern about that, and that Mr. Santiago is currently living with the secretary, and it is a conflict of interest in the investigation. Culvert that are installed are very low and it will cause it to fill up. Supervisor Alvarez ask that it would be for the Sheriff department to handle. Supervisor Santiago stated that he did his investigation, and he did contact a legal firm and it was brief, they told him what you are legal allowed to do you did and leave it to the sheriffs to continue to handle. For full details please see video. Supervisor Alvarez stated we are putting this to bed, we are done with this matter.

Old & New Business:

Reselling of the key Mr. Santana, He stated that he has been contacted by residents that they would like to purchase the key to reservoir and also of the reopening of the reservoir. Chair ask are we not selling the key. Mr. Santana stated that he spoke with Becky, and she stated that we are not selling the key. Supervisor Alvarez stated that he doesn't feel we should sell the key because it is still open to those who want to walk through or ride horse. Herminio stated that the board did vote to walk and ride horses. Mr. Santana wants to start to sell the key, Supervisor Santana stated that he doesn't remember voting on not selling the key. Supervisor Santiago ask if the key is sold yearly or monthly. Herminio stated that it is sold yearly. Chair ask if he wanted to walk back there, he wouldn't be able because he doesn't have a key, Herminio stated that is correct. Chair then ask Becky to shed light on this. Becky spoke, that the board voted on to stop selling the key and start to refund every who had purchased the key from the year before. Therefore, we stop selling the key and she explained this to Mr. Santana. She also stated they're someone that didn't want to surrender their, so they have access to the reservoir. Supervisor Santiago stated that he agrees with Benny to open an area to let them in to walk through. But we will have to keep the gate lock and eliminate the guard. Supervisor Santiago ask if they need to vote.

They continued with agenda item. Contract on the 139-permit drainage Supervisor Alvarez will reach out to Mr. Carney because he was to mail it in.

Continued to monument signs for the district. Becky went over the sketches and the financial break down of each sign. They went over the quote. Chair ask if we can obtain two more quotes. They continued to speak about quotes.

Reservoir mitigation Fumero, spoke on this and the meeting he had with SFWMD and Bearcluse consultant. He handed out an area map and the potential possibilities for the upland area to be able to ride. He went over the wetland area that can be impacted

and what we would have to mitigate. He continued to speak on the areas that we can ride and how the SFWMD will be out to the reservoir to make sure that our consultant did do their job correctly and let us know and to police the areas. Chair ask about the upland area to make it like a park. Fumero stated that it how to get there to that area. District didn't think putting an entrance in that area because this was permitted to be a berm and eventually it will give in with traffic and it will also need to be policed and they also didn't like the mitigation bank either. Fumero also stated it will be reopened but the battle will be how much is it going to cost us. He stated that they want to work with us, and they wish it didn't ever come to them. Fumero stated that there will be a plan, replanting for 5 year and watch them, close off trails, and fencing and signage. Next is the Consultant and SFWMD to meet on site. Benny asks a question to Becky how many keys had been sold, Becky stated 189, Supervisor Benny stated at \$1000.00 a pop there is our money.

District Engineer's Report – Mr. Bennett went over his engineer report. He stated that the annual report C-139 Basin of the dike is coming up. Permits done for Glades Electric. Chair if there were any questions, he stated that he does. If some calls in to 811 does he receive anything from them. Becky stated that we receive an email from Lambert Cable and Glades Electric and she in turn send it to Mr. Bennett's office and they approve the permits, and she sends it back. Chair ask if we go back to see if they are doing what is stated on the permit. We stated no it's not our responsibility. Chair stated that once we do our drainage project, we are going to tare up the line. Herminio stated that they are aware.

District Manager's Report District Manager gave his report. Looking for summer camp counselors, went over roads done, trees picked up on canal banks that had been left due to the size and needed to cut down. Mulcher is working, its on Montura Ave and Sendero, is doing great and training was given. Chair ask to be careful with it. Still picking trash and is increasing, especially tires. They had pick up 81 tires, and residents calling that they have seen trucks coming in with tire. Soccer tournament was awesome, and the pool is now open. If anyone ask it is closed during school hours but open on the weekends. It will be closed during the summer camp time until campo is over and then open to public. Painting is going on at the club house and getting ready for the Easter event. Supervisor Santiago spoke that he contacted the sheriffs about the dumping and when they find this to take pictures and report because they can have an open case and they know that there is two shop that are coming out to Montura to dump. Supervisor Benny stated that we need to put up the cameras. Herminio apologizes for not having them up, but we do have them. Supervisor Santana ask about the stop sign that was missing on Hacienda. Herminio spoke and said that it was replaced. If it's no longer there than they took it again. They continue to talk about the missing sign. Chair ask if we can address the roads that haven't before the raining season and, see if we can put some cabanas for the pool area. Chair ask Fumero if there are companies that would like to donate like a cheekee hut. Fumero stated that we have a one page that is a hold harmless form.

District Treasurer Report- John Boy gave his report. He went over the taxes and went over the budget which we are over right now because of the big trailer and other big items. Santana asks about the money we were going to request from the bond. Boy went over what he had brought up regarding the number but since we weren't at that stage yet. Chair explains there is a process. Supervisor Santana stated that we were going to use that money for paving the road. Fumero stated that if we are going to do this we need to hurry up and do it before the interest rates go up. He also stated that there need to be a plan with engineering scope to move forward.

District Attorney's Report – Fumero spoke on the court case regarding Mr. Ramos, and how is to write a letter to Deputy Dominguez. He went over mitigation bank that was spoke upon already. There was a question about observers for our election on landowners and yes, we can have them just need to draft the policy. They all agreed to do so. Supervisor Santana ask if we do a background check. Fumero stated yes, we do and since he has been on board we have been. There is time when the office calls to verify the information. Supervisor Santana ask Deputy Dominguez what the computer FCIS is and NCIS to check this system because if we aren't then we won't know if they have been charged. Fumero stated that he will confirm with the company that runs them.

Supervisor Reports – Supervisor Alvarez is good. Supervisor Santana is good. Supervisor Santiago- he spoke with Bell city midway about local events and fairs which does the Clewiston. I just run into other ones fairs they do. There is another company that he reached out and they stated that if we do one in December, we are the only one that will have it in the state. He went over details for obtaining the fair, but the board needs to agree, and the payments will be divided in three installments. He also went over new trucks for CCWCD. He brought information from Ford and Chevy and Dodge.

Supervisor Santana would like to thank Deputy Dominguez for all his hard work and lowering the crime rate in our area. Board all thank Deputy Dominguez.

Adjournment. Chair Mata meeting adjourn.