

**Linden County Water District
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024**

Directors Present: President Lawrence Knapp, Vice President Steven M. Lagorio, Director Elaine Reed and Director Douglas E. Smith

Board Secretary Barbara Kascht, General Manager John Villierme and District Engineer Matt Ospital were also in attendance

Directors Absent: Director Myron Blanton

Public Comment: None

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Front & Ione Street Water Main Replacement Project.** General Manager John Villierme spoke about water lines and mapping. Part issues and identifying the mains also contributed to delays. The water main was able to be put in without having to abandon the sewer line and Well #3 was eliminated from the system. President Larry Knapp asked if we paid to identify pipes in that area. According to District Engineer Matt Ospital, it was not in that specific area. The as-built maps were incorrect and Campbell Construction's potholing method did not make sense. At this time, we do not know what the increased cost will be. Matt Ospital advised the last day of the working contract is August 19th. Campbell Construction presented a schedule going through August 30th.
- b. Sustainable Groundwater Management.** Neither Director Doug Smith nor Director Myron Blanton was able to attend the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority meeting on August 11th.
- c. PFAS.** General Manager John Villierme reported on PFA testing prices from BSK Laboratory. There are A, B and C sampling bottles for each site. The cost is \$375 per sample and if we get a "positive blank", that means we have to pay another \$375 for a sample. It could cost up to \$1,125 for all three wells. District staff will collect the samples. President Larry Knapp said to keep this item on the agenda.

General Manager Villierme also spoke about nitrates. The District is going to join a coalition at a cost of about \$750 per year and they will take care of all the paperwork.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2024-25 Budget.** General Manager John Villierme will address the budget next month.

Barbara Kascht reported that per District Legal Counsel Dean Ruiz, the District can again use Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting, for the next Cost of Service Study for future rate increases. Professional services do not have to be put out to bid.

General Manager John Villierme advised that for the last two months, drought study figures that he reports are showing an excessive amount of water being unaccounted for. President Lawrence Knapp asked to have Water Loss as a New Business item on the September agenda. District Engineer Matt Ospital said Amador Water Agency in Sutter Creek got a grant to figure out this problem and they put flow meters in their system to determine where the water is going.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Doug Smith moved to accept the consent calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes – July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Warrant Listing
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Operations Reports
- e. Compliance Log
- f. Correspondence
- g. Water Usage Reports

seconded by Elaine Reed. **AYES**: 4 **NOES**: 0 **ABSTAIN**: 0 **ABSENT**: 1 Motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.