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**FINAL MEETING MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**17 February 2022 – EAWSD Public Conference Room – 7:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by President Calzada at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL** by Debra Sanderson: Those present were: President Calzada, Vice-President Hart, Secretary Yard, Treasurer Roghair and Director Burling. All Directors were present.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Anthony Marino, JACOBS OPERATIONS MANAGER; Steve King, GENERAL MANAGER; Anna Mondragon-Metzger, ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT MANAGER; Debra Sanderson, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; Dennis McQuillan, PRESENTER and (5) guests.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** 17 February 2022

➤ President Calzada asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda of 17 February 2022.

**MOTION:** Director Burling moved to approve the agenda for 17 February 2022. Secretary Yard seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Vote was 5 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the agenda for 17 February 2022.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** 20 January 2022

➤ President Calzada asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of 20 January 2022.

**MOTION:** Director Burling moved to approve the meeting minutes for 20 January 2022. Vice-President Hart seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Vote was 5 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the meeting minutes for 20 January 2022.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A Consideration and approval of the 2022 FINANCE AND AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLAN** *D. Burling*

➤ Director Burling offered to answer any questions that the Board may have and said that the addition to this year's plan included an informal bid for a new auditor.

**MOTION:** Secretary Yard made a motion that the Board accept Consent Agenda Item A, as presented. Vice-President Hart seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Vote was 5 to 0 in favor of approving the Consent Agenda item as presented.

**REPORTS:**

**Management Report:**

*S. King*

➤ Mr. King described three significant projects the District hopes to have underway within the next three months. These projects are: (1) Santa Fe County Pipeline Extension at an estimated cost of \$2.9 million (2) Field Workshop – the bid opening was held the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>. The estimated project cost is \$1.25 million; and (3) Verano Conchas Loop which will be ready for bid in March. The estimated project cost is \$1.6 million. The total budget for projects underway is approximately \$5.75 million.

- Mr. King addressed the current budget for capital projects, a total of just over \$7,000,000.
- Additionally, Mr. King responded to comments on the Well 19 presentation. Based on new knowledge and technical expertise brought to the District by geologist, Dennis McQuillan, as well as several discussions with CPAC, the District proposes a water quality zone test for Well 19 with the objective of isolating the source of poor water quality produced by the well. The results of which could potentially produce higher quality water and hopefully reduce or eliminate the cost of having to treat the water that the well is currently producing.

**Operations Report:**

*A. Marino*

- Mr. Marino updated the Board on the cleaning process that began at Well 2A / 2B this week to ensure that they are ready for summer operations.
- Additionally, he mentioned that Jacobs provided the District with a \$2,400 rebate related to the printing and stuffing of customer bills provided by Postage Pros. The cost is already included in Jacobs' contract price, but was inadvertently being invoiced to the District. The rebate has corrected the oversight.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

*E. Roghair*

- Treasurer Roghair confirmed that projects planned by the District have funding sources. She also said that the District is ahead of budget but behind on water sales, due to current weather conditions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- PAUL FINK, a resident of 10 Redondo Court, spoke on behalf of John Gervers, who submitted a letter regarding the proposed pipeline replacement project for Verano Conchas Loop. The letter expressed Mr. Gervers' involvement in the Eldorado Roadside Tree Project and the potential impact the pipeline replacement project may have on the trees in the area.
  - Mr. King responded to the letter and explained two different ways in which the bidding would be conducted:
    - 1) Using horizontal directional drilling for the entire project (i.e. with no open trenching) or (2) horizontal directional drilling only as needed, for instance, across driveways.
  - While recognizing and supporting the efforts of the Eldorado Roadside Tree Project, Mr. King clearly stated that cost was a factor and no decision will be formally made until final pricing from each bid is received.
- JOE LOEWY, a resident of 6 Monterey Road, looks forward to Mr. McQuillan's presentation, as he has been an excellent addition to the CPAC committee. Mr. Loewy also urged the Board to consider approval of Agenda Item #2 regarding the Santa Fe Pipeline Extension Project that is a significant improvement for the Eldorado community.

**AGENDA**

**1. Presentation by Dennis McQuillan – Well 19 Zone Testing**

*D. McQuillan*

- Mr. McQuillan began the presentation by providing some historical context for the ongoing issues that Well 19 presents. Without expensive treatment, the water from the well cannot be delivered to consumers. In particular, he pointed out that the geochemistry of the groundwater is different from all other Eldorado wells.
- Based on his research, Mr. McQuillan proposed some interim steps to move forward with the Well 19 project, including an attempt to decrease poor-quality groundwater from entering the well by sealing off at one or more intervals and/or adjusting the depth of the well pump. He also recommended collecting water samples from depth intervals in the well for measurements and testing to determine where the poor-quality groundwater enters.
- There was discussion amongst the Board and attendees regarding the proposed testing methods, the life of a well screen, obtaining a permit to run the well, and the overall costs associated with identifying the potential problem areas. Mr. King explained that \$42,000 is the approved budgeted amount for the initial testing process; while future decisions on how to proceed will require data from the initial testing and additional discussion.

**2. Approval of award of a contract for the Santa Fe County Pipeline Extension project by Resolution N°. 22-02-01**

*S. King*

- Mr. King explained that the District received a promising bid from the same contractor who has completed three previous projects with the District. The bid price came in at just under \$3 million, which is aligned with the engineer's cost estimate. Mr. King also pointed out the District's success in securing several sources of grants to fund this project making the cost to EAWSD significantly less than the bid price of the project.

**MOTION:** Treasurer Roghair made a motion that the Board approve the award of a contract for the Santa Fe County Pipeline Extension project by Resolution N°. 22-02-01. Director Burling seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Vote was 5 to 0 in favor of approving the aforementioned motion.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

- Secretary Yard is excited about a potential solution to the Well 19 dilemma and thanked Mr. McQuillan for his research. He also expressed his flexibility to attend in-person Board meetings after the governor lifted the mask mandate or was amenable to continue with the current set up. He is pleased to see the fruition of the Santa Fe County Pipeline extension project and expressed his delight for the Field Workshop/Garage providing a functioning workspace for the field technicians. He thanked each of the committees for their contributions.
- Treasurer Roghair shared her appreciation to see members of the public attend the meeting. She encouraged those attending to reach out to Board members with their input in the District's planning and analysis efforts. She emphasized the importance of utilizing the Eldorado community's collective intelligence to help EAWSD function as efficiently as possible.
- Director Burling thanked Mr. McQuillan for his enlightening presentation. He shared his excitement for the District's upcoming projects and expressed his willingness to attend in-person meetings. He expressed appreciation for community members taking an interest in the District and would enjoy hearing their feedback. Lastly, Director Burling showed support for the input from the Eldorado Roadside Tree Project and would be interested in more discussion once the District is closer to a final decision.
- Vice-President Hart echoed prior comments made by Board members. He appreciated participation by the members of the community and the District's upcoming projects. While he will continue to participate by ZOOM for the time being, he hopes to attend in person in the near future.
- President Calzada also echoed previous comments from Board members. He was encouraged with the community participation and investment in the Board meeting. He appreciated Mr. McQuillan sharing his expertise. President Calzada was open to the idea of a hybrid meeting format for future meetings as he looks forward to seeing everyone and interacting soon.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- President Calzada adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

