



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
November 7, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Reyna at 6:03 PM

Directors Present: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna. Directors Absent: Alvarez and Moran.

Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary – Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel – Alan J. Peake and District Engineer – Dee Jaspar. District Engineer – Curtis Skaggs. Pledge of allegiance: The Pledge was led by President Alvarez.

Agenda Item #1 Public Comment

Adam Ojeda introduced himself to the board of directors.

Agenda Item #2.: Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2022

b. Accounts Payable for October 17, 2022 – November 4, 2022

A motion was made by Director Gallardo to approve the consent calendar items 2.a, and 2.b. Motion was seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna.

Agenda Item #3: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Reapproval of Resolution 05-2021 to continue to have board meetings held by teleconference due to ongoing State of Emergency related to COVID-19

General Manager presented the reapproval of Resolution 05-2021 so that the District can continue to have the board meetings by teleconferencing with Zoom due to the ongoing State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Legal Counsel stated the Governor's Office posted February 28, 2023 to be the last day for teleconference meetings. A motion was made by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna.

Agenda Item #4: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Customer Appeal from 2116 John Ct. challenging water bill

General Manager introduced the customer from 2116 John Ct. The customer proceeded to plea her case and ask some questions regarding her bill. The General Manager presented the customer and the board of directors with the results from the appeal process. Board discussed findings from the meter test with the customer. After more discussion and review, a motion was made to reject the appeal by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna.

Agenda Item #5: Board to Discuss Election and new board members

Legal Counsel discussed the reason why the Kern County Elections office took Arvin CSD off of the election ballot stating there was only two candidates (Incumbents Rafael Gallardo and Aurelio Reyna) and one write in candidate (Adam Ojeda), the district did not need to participate in the elections due to only three seats being up for election.

No action was required.



Agenda Item #6: Update on Franklin Street Project

District Engineer and General Manager gave an update on project status. 8 tie ins will be done over the remainder of the month and into November. West Valley Construction will be doing a tie in a day allowing for the District to minimize the amount of people affected. ACSD will provide drinking water to each of the residences shut off during the tie ins.

Agenda Item #7: Board to discuss and take action re: Kern Groundwater Agency Billing

General Manager and Legal Counsel presented to the Board of Directors a letter that would be coming from the agencies in South Kern River GSA informing the KGA that the last cash call should only include the items accepted by those agencies before leaving the KGA. A motion was made to approve the letter being sent from South of Kern River GSA to the Kern Groundwater Authority by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna.

Agenda Item #8: Staff Comments

General Manger: Operators completed Cal OSHA training on 11/3/22.

Legal Counsel: No comments.

District Engineer: Well 18 will be completed in March/April 2023, Update on the Urban Water Management Plan 2020 needed 6 items updated.

Agenda Item #9: Board Member Comments:

- a. **Director Gallardo:** No comment.
- b. **Director Moran:** No comment.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comment.
- d. **Vice President Reyna:** No comment.
- e. **President Alvarez:** No comment.

Agenda Item #10:

Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Director Gallardo at 7:14 p.m. and seconded by Director Pantoja.

- a. **Conference with Labor Negotiators: General Manager and District Legal Counsel: Laborers International Union of North America 777 Gov't Code 54957.6**

Motion to go back into open session was made by Vice President Reyna and seconded by Director Gallardo at 7:21 p.m.

Closed Session Report: A brief discussion was held, and no action was taken.

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment

Motion was made by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Pantoja to adjourn meeting at 7:23 p.m.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna

Submitted by:

Attest:

Raul Barraza, Jr.

Maria M. Alvarez

**Raul Barraza, Jr.
Board Secretary/General Manager**

**Maria M. Alvarez
Board President**