



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
May 17, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Alvarez at 6:01 PM

Directors Present: Alvarez, Reyna, Gallardo, Pantoja

Directors Absent: Moran

Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary- Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel- Alan Peake; District Engineer Dee Jaspar

Pledge of allegiance: The Pledge was led by President.

Agenda Item #1 Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #2.: Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Regular Minutes for May 3, 2021

b. Accounts Payable for May 2021

After reviewing and discussing (2.a.) and (2.b.) and answering a couple of questions, a motion was made by Director Gallardo to approve the consent calendar items 2.a. and 2.b. and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna, Alvarez

Agenda Item #3: Presentation by Jessica Ritter from SitelogIQ Solar

Jessica Ritter and Dr. Eddie Jordan presented to the board of directors regarding a solar project to provide enough energy to offset the district's energy cost. The Board was presented with a plan which would have to be completed in two phases due to the size of energy demand by the wells in our water system. The board had a couple of questions regarding total cost, the amount of energy and why it would take two phases, the necessary loan amount, and how it would be paid back. District Engineer did mention the district would like to take a look at one year's data from SCADA, which would tell us more about the manner in which the system operates its energy flows. The district thanked SitelogIQ for the presentation and would like to invite them back during the bid.

Agenda Item #4: Board to discuss and take action re: Approval of Purchase for real property located at APN 446-010-10 from Crystal Organic Farms for future site of Well No. 18

General Manager informed the board of the directors that Barbara and Brandon Grimm have approved the donation of the land, legal, and escrow fees for the future well site of Well No. 18, but there legal might ask for a nominal fee of \$100. The Board of Directors are extremely grateful for the family's generosity and continued support of the Community of Arvin. A



discussion regarding the nominal cost was concluded with having a motion made to cover up to \$1,000. A motion was made to accept the donation from the Barbara and Brandon Grimm for a nominal fee not to exceed \$1,000 dollars by Vice President Reyna and seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna, Alvarez

Agenda Item #5: Update on Drought Conditions

General Manager and staff wanted to inform the board of directors of the drought the state of California and the entire west coast is facing. Based on the facts, this is one of the worst drought years in recent history. Staff wants the board of directors to know that a message will be sent out to our customers regarding the drought conditions and any direction given by the state offices.

Agenda Item #6: Staff Comments

General Manger: Meeting w/San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative – Planning Group – May 4th, Zoom Meeting May 7th – KGA Native Yield Study Todd Groundwater Presentation, InfoSend and Caselle Meeting May 7th, Preparing Office for Caselle Training, Caselle Training to take place May 17th through 21st, Caselle to go live June 1st, Office to fully open June 15th

Legal Counsel: No comment.

District Engineer: Well No. 18 will be drilled by Bakersfield Well and Pump starting June 14th, Well No. 14 still to be scheduled with Barbour for the well rehabilitation.

Agenda Item #7: Board Member Comments:

- a. **Director Gallardo:** The District needs to start looking at creating a RFP or RFQ for solar.
- b. **Director Moran:** No comments
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comments
- d. **Vice President Reyna:** No comments
- e. **President Alvarez:** Made comment on solar presentation being a good one and the district is closer to making this project a reality. Also thanked the District Engineer for the good questions made to SitelogIQ presentation.

Item #8: *Closed Session was cancelled as it was not necessary.*

Item #9: Adjournment

Motion was made by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Pantoja to adjourn meeting at 7:01 p.m.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna, Alvarez

Submitted by:

Raul Barraza, Jr.

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

Attest:

Maria M. Alvarez

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Board President**