## MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OF THE

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

OF THE

# POPLAR COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the POPLAR COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT was held on JUNE 06, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Those Directors present were the following, to wit:
ARTURO RODRIGUEZ
LITA DOMINGO
ANA DOMINGO
GLORIA DE LA TORRE
Those Directors absent were:
N/A
Also Present were:
AZIEZ HASSAN, District Manager
THOMAS DEGAN, DISTRICT CONSUEL
JAMES BLAIR, ENGINEER
RALPH GUTTERIEZ, WATER OPERTOR

MARI PEREZ RUIZ, CVEA

The meeting was called to order under the direction of the President, ARTURO RODRIGUEZ. The flag salute was recited and the following business was conducted.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

PATRICIA TORRES is the community services and elab director for Pleasant View School District she is part of a non-formal committee that has been established at the Water District board and mentioned that Patricia Torres reference to the non-formal community that was established at the committee aims to involve the community and deciding whether to put two District home Parcels up for sale, had a recently attended the very first committee meeting where initially it was to introduce the committee as to what the responsibilities would be or what to focus would be to be a part of the committee and shortly after the first committee meeting an elderly woman which happens to be PATRICIA TORRES mother, the board president ARTURO RODRIGUEZ ask to rely a message to PATRICIA TORRES urging her to withdraw from the committee and any project that he is taking part of. MR.RODRIGUEZ threatened PATRICIA TORRES for any of the participation and stated that it was best for her to step away and was also up for inviting individual such as long-time Community resident BERNICE LICON going to be a part of the comedy as well I'm taking this symbol and public approach to inform the Water District Board and District Council to verbally worn MR. Rodriguez that his remarks are irrational and irrelevant to this committee's purpose and involvement in these actions that are not rational or irrational and evaluate to verbally inform the Board that She will take legal action if necessary intimidation will not be tolerated harassed or either bully by MR.RODRIGUEZ. She's here committed to serve the community and families of properly and without bias and any initiatives for this town this Community Focus will remain solely on the best interests of the families and in this community for its future one of the things that I want to share is that that was not the purpose of the committee as far as what was understood there not here to be a part of anyone's side she just comes out to support and be a part of the community and really to gather those thoughts and information that was needed. PATRICIA TORRES mentions that she's not going to work that way.

MARI PEREZ RUIZ talk's about some of the work that is happening the homes since the 1980s 90% of the dwellings have been considered not habitable in the community it hasn't been any new housing since the self help that happened back in the 90s.

SOPHANE HUNTER she used to teach at Pleasant View School for 13 years. She did a lot of community volunteering in Poplar, she also lived in Poplar, owns a property in Poplar. MS.HUNTER did a lot of work with developing a nonprofit with the youth and tried to build a park between four to five years ago and is here to support and validate what PATRICIA TORRES has experience in working with the Board president ARTURO RODRIGUEZ to say.MS.HUNTER is sorry for the community and need's somebody to step up and speak up and taking into a direction that will be Progressive to the community to the people and hopefully that will be somebody here that lives in the area of Poplar.

EMIGDIO SANTOS is interested to get more information regarding the new housing project.

BERNICE LICON reports she lives in Poplar for 30 plus years she lives in Poplar and was invited by PATRICIA TORRES I was mentioned about the comments that was told by the president of course from my behalf it's not appreciated that when we all grow up in the same town for us supporting each other to at least so harassed or that you can't even walk in town like that they're going to approach you or they're going to say something to you so literally I'm not here that's right I'm here for our future children not just our children but our future friends so I want my kids feel safe I want to feel safe I don't want to feel like I have to walk the time and I have to look at I'm going to see somebody that's an approach me and tell me something or try to stop me from doing something if I'm here I'm here naturally I'm here to Triple size and

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION** Name of Case: *Poplar Community Service District v. KSB, LP, formerly known as the Harbinder S. Brar Family Limited Partnership VIII*, Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCL297474.

On a Motion by Director ANNA DOMINGO, seconded by Director LITA DOMINGO and unanimously carried, approved to start close session at 6:15 p.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

District Manager didn't have minutes for the Board to approve. The Board was advised that there were no terminations for service. The Bills had been presented and was approve to be paid.

On a Motion by Director ANNA DOMINGO, seconded by Director GLORIA DE LA TORRE and unanimously carried, approved the payment of the bills.

## PARK & YOUTH ADVISOR COMITY

MARI PEREZ RUIZ reports she had a meeting with the architect to design the wall stage and working on getting the permits. There's going to be two arches it's going to have a speech that is about 30 ft tall and it will be facing tours outside and for the mural, CVEA has raised money and the community of the state in the funding has been raised from work it's not coming from the pockets of anymore is coming from foundations. The project will be done and be unveiled on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## PARK PROJECT UPDATE;

AZIEZ HASSAN update's the Board that the contractor finished up with grass out in the field, and by next week they should start putting up the new trees. Restroom inspections pass so by next week contractor should start putting up the bricks. The inspection for the electric in the restroom and sprinklers pass as well.

#### JUAN MARTINEZ CAPACITY RIGHTS FOR 14591 KILROY

MR.MARTINEZ to connect four sewer laterals, one to each unit there's two duplexes on a lot which is 4 units and MR.MARTINEZ ask he comes across there's one store lateral to each building.

RALPH GUTTERIEZ advised MR.MARTINEZ to Dig one trench and connect to two inch water lane pipe into the main property line and fro the two inch to connect three one inch.

Nothing was done based for some stuff not being in the District ordinance.

#### LISTING OF SURPLUS LAND:

GLORIA DE LA TORRE had no update to report.

#### THE BOARD WILL REVIEW THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR:

AZIEZ HASSAN presented the Budget; Board didn't approve. Budget to be presented again on next Board meeting on July 03, 2024.

## **ENGINEERING MATTERS**;

## A. USDA Well Replacement Project (Project):

# 1. West Well Construction.

A final inspection by the Office of the Engineer was accomplished on May 24, 2024. USDA is to perform a final inspection, scheduled for Friday June 7, 2024. Motion was made by Director Gloria Dela Torre, seconded by Director Lita Domingo and carried 4-0, to authorize the District's President to execute CCO #3 adjusting the Contract amount for final well drilling quantities and any negotiated settlement regarding liquidated damages;

## 2. Reimbursement Status.

It was reported that all reimbursement requests have been funded;

## 3. Well Improvement and Pipeline Status.

It was reported that the Plans and Specifications can be completed now that the well capacity has been determined;

## 4. <u>Easement Status:</u>

It was reported that the mediation date to determine easement take compensation with Judge Broadman occurred on June 3, 2024. Baker Manock & Jensen will discuss same with the Board in Closed Session; and

# 5. Additional Funding Status:

It was reported that Bid results for the West Well Improvement Phase, must be in hand before determining any additional funding requirements.

#### B. Pleasant View West School:

It was reported that the Engineer is in receipt of the School Consolidation Engineering Report. It was also reported that a preliminary review was conducted that indicated initial comments were made regarding the District's inability to meet State Title 22 Water Works Standards, how the consolidation effort will not exacerbate the District's current deficient water supply condition, fire flow requirements and incentives to the District. The Board raised concern as to providing service to this out of service area entity, given the West Well's identified pumping level.

#### C. Water Meters and State Law:

It was reported that the State's requirement for small SDAC's to invoice water users based on water usage has been delayed into the future. It has been surmised that the State will not impose this requirement until a funding source is identified for the necessary capital improvements needed to perform the State required tasks.

#### D. 14793 Imperial Road Capacity Rights Fees.

It was reported that additional information has been requested as to anticipate fixture units for the dwelling unit proposed to be constructed at 14793 Imperial Road.

## OPERATOR REPORT;

The operator report for May is as follows. Operations for the water distribution system remained uninterrupted. Operations for the wastewater plant experienced intermitten interruption. A service call was made on 5/8/24 @ 14624 Imperial after normal hours and was determined to be district

responsibility. The repairs were made next day. On 5/15/24 and 5/16/24 a callout for STOP Alarm was received for high flow and was resolved without issue. On 5/21/2024 A call was received for a sewer line that was damaged during a SoCal Edison service call @19297 Ave 144. The repair was resolved without issue and Manager Aziez is currently seeking reimbursement from Edison. 5/23/24 Turnup Seed Electric delivered the aerator for the wastewater treatment plant. 5/54/24 The aerator was installed and placed in service.5/24/24 Multiple callouts from STOP Alarm were received and responded to for high flow, it was determined that an obstruction of material had reached the plant lift station which was the cause of the disruption of operations. Sampling results are currently pending for the month of May. Well depths are as follows North Well @94ft, Middle Well @ 103ft. This concludes the operator report for the month of May.