**HYDESVILLE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**July 8, 2025, at 6 pm**

**Location: Hydesville County Water District**

**3455 Hwy 36, Hydesville, CA 95547**

**707-768-3000**

***CALL TO ORDER***

The meeting was called to order: Randall Stone at 6:04 pm. Directors present: Dave Jackson, Russell Holmgren, Bill Christen Absent: Ron Olsen Director Staff present: Megan Lowe, Jordan Stofel Absent: Austin Evans

Public: Natasha Zabinski

**Public Comment**

None

**1. Consent Agenda**

 2.1 Approve Board minutes of June 10, 2025

2.2 Approve Payment of Bills July

Randall asked about the Leavitt Insurance Payment, Megan let him know that the payment amount was for the full year. Not paying in installments anymore.

 A MOTION WAS MADE (Dave Jackson, Russ Holmgren) to approve the consent agenda/bills.

 MOTION CARRIED (4, 0)

**3. Old Business.**

3.1 SHN Update

 Megan knows that they hit water and stopped drilling at 200ft. They hit water at about 60ft and had water all the way to 160ft, so we have roughly about 100ft of water that is potentially usable. When they pumped some of the water out it is crystal clear. The Board is asking what we do now with the test well, Megan knows that if the test well was good Austin had mentioned that we could turn it into a production well.

 3.2 USDA/CRWA Funding

Megan has not heard from Jennifer at all about finding other grants or funding that could replace the Disaster Funding that we were applying for that was suspended. Will reach out to Abel to see if he knows anything about what or how and if we can or should proceed

 3.3 Cell Tower Lease

 Megan showed a map that Austin had received showing that they no longer want to put it up at the tanks but behind the office. Not sure why they want to change it, Austin will have to update the board at a later date with more info.

 3.4 CPA’s

 Still have not found a new CPA, Dave said he would reach out to someone he knows at Wyatt and Whitchurch.

**4. New Business**

 NONE

**5. County Planning Dept Project Referrals** – Vote to approve applications received to date.

 NONE

**6. High Bill Adjustments**- Vote to approve applications received to date:

 NONE

7. **Secretary’s Report**

 Sending out 52 late notices tomorrow, totaling $1,040.00 in late fees assessed today. Got the website updated and put the new closure dates up for the 25-26 fiscal year.

 Submitted the 23-24 Audit to Reef at USDA.

 Lots of Surveys have been returned to the office now that the 2nd notices have been sent out. Will still send out a 3rd notice around the end of October for those last people to get them in before shutting the,m off.

**8. Manager’s Report**

 Austin was not present at the meeting he will update the board at a later date.

**9. Board Member Comments**

9.1 Stipends

Randall brought up that he believes it is well overdue for a raise. Randall suggests doubling it to $100.00, and not having it go to free water for the board members. Megan found a board policy relating to the stipends that has not been updated since 1984. During the next meeting an item will go under new business for Increasing the Board Member stipend from $50.00 to $100.00 per meeting.

Ron let Randall know that there will be a new water consulting guy out here. He’s a backflow guy that we can also use to help Brian out here.

**10. Items for Future Agenda**

 10.1 Closed Session

 **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION-PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

 With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6

Title Relief Operators 2025-2026 employment contracts

**11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

11.1 Report on Closed Session

The board has agreed to renew Tim Lanphear and Jordan Stoffels’ contracts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. No changes were made to the contracts.

The Board has expressed how happy they are to have both Tim and Jordan working at the district.

**12. Adjournment**

MOTION WAS MADE (Dave Jackson, Bill Christen) to adjourn the meeting at 7:14The p.m.

 MOTION CARRIED (4,0)

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Megan Lowe/Board Secretary*