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Board of Directors

Position 1 – Joe Spendolini

Position 2 – Kevin Harter

Position 3 – Mike Koger

District Manager/ Board Secretary

Brett Blofsky

BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order-** Director Harter called meeting to order at 12:26

2. **Roll Call of Directors**—Director Harter present, Director Spendolini present, and Director Koger present. Also present from the District were Brett Blofsky, Sally Bratton, Jason Morrow, and Jon Lee. Dan Scalas from Adkins Engineering was present remotely via Microsoft Teams.

3. **Recap of Hermiston WWTF and West Extension Irrigation District (WEID)**
 - a. **Overview discussion--** Director Harter noted that he thought the meeting was very productive. His takeaway from the meeting is that the only two things we are lacking is Phosphates and Nitrates in our current treatment system to meet requirements, which means a much lower cost to rate payers than originally thought.
 - b. **Potential Facility Plan impact**— Original plan was to treat effluent all the way through and now it seems all we need is to remove the Phosphorus and Nitrates. Director Spendolini stated that he believes that the District needs to change course and focus on “polishing” our effluent to treat the Phosphates and Nitrates. Also, that this part of the contract with West Yost should be concluded and the District seek alternatives from there. All in agreement.
 - c. **DEQ cooperation**— Director Harter requests that if anyone has new information, that it is reported to the Board to ensure that everyone is sending the same unified message, especially with DEQ. Brett makes sure everyone understands that its critical to get a DEQ representative who works with the District and not against. Sally reports that David has been doing everything that we’ve needed done and has done well at working with the District.

4. Other—

- a. Director Spendolini reports that he fully expects to receive money to help with the cost of the fence project.
- b. Director Spendolini also talked of his attendance to the Wastewater caucus. Reports that everyone had suggested that SSSD not get rid of our lagoons.
- c. Director Harter suggest a PR plan to explain the change in plan and promote better communication with the public.
- d. Discussion on having an industrial inspector come out to look at the District's lines was had because of the CBD shops that are causing issues that we haven't seen before.
- e. Sally will reach out to LG Sonic to inquire about removal of nitrogen, phosphates, and ammonia as it relates to the new NPDES requirements.

5. Adjourn— Director Harter moves to adjourn at 1:47pm

ATTEST:

Brett Blofsky, Secretary

Kevin Harter, Chirman

Date