



BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT HEARING AND MEETING

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING
1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Farrar called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Michael Farrar

Board Member Kevin Sair

Board Member Annie Spendlove

Board Member Scott Taylor

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

CHAIR REPORT

The Chairman reported on a water leak in Cedar Point that was resolved within a day with minimal impact, and efforts to avoid widespread shutoffs. Challenges with fire hydrants led to plans for quarterly maintenance and improved accessibility. The Chairman also announced a project with Sunrise Engineering to map the district's water system, potentially funded by a grant, to enhance infrastructure reliability and prepare for the future. The focus remains on progress and improving system consistency.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Adoption of Water Conservation Plan.**

Chairman Farrar introduced the first agenda item, the adoption of the water conservation plan. The Chairman commended the individual responsible for drafting the plan, noting their exceptional work and skill. Before proceeding with further discussion, the Chairman opened the floor for public comments, inviting input from attendees both in person and online.

Chairman Farrar opened the public hearing.

Resident Stewart Riding shared plans to test a new irrigation system designed to conserve water by using electronically controlled heads that move around specific areas. Riding mentioned plans to evaluate its effectiveness and provide updates on its performance.

Chairman Farrar acknowledged the importance of water conservation efforts, emphasizing the need to implement measures before new houses are built. The Chairman noted that existing residents would be grandfathered in, while new homes must adhere to water-saving standards. Discussions with developers have been positive, with agreement on ensuring water-conserving homes and minimizing lawns to support conservation efforts. The Chairman reiterated the need for proactive measures to address the growing number of homes and thanked Resident Riding for their input.

Chairman Farrar closed the public hearing.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2. Adoption of Water Conservation Plan.

Chairman Farrar opened the discussion and action on adopting the water conservation plan. Noting that Michelle, who prepared the plan, could not attend, the Chairman referenced the materials she provided, which clearly explained the plan. The Chairman commended her work, highlighting her exceptional efforts in preparing the document.

MOTION: Board Member Taylor moved that we approve the Adoption of the Water Conservation Plan.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Spendlove.

VOTE: Chairman Farrar called for a Roll Call vote:

Board Member Sair - Aye

Chairman Farrar - Aye

Board Member Spendlove - Aye

Board Member Taylor - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Disbursement Listing for November 2024.

4. Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2025 through November 2024.

5. November 2024 Water Usage Comparison.

6. Minutes: November 13, 2024.

Chairman Farrar reviewed the consent agenda, which included disbursements for November 2024, the fiscal year 2025 budget report through November, a water usage comparison for November 2024, and the minutes from the November 13, 2024, meeting. The Chairman noted that expenditures were normal and would address any irregularities if found.

Chairman Farrar mentioned that the town used less water in November 2024 compared to the previous year, despite recent pipeline flushing requirements, including a mandatory 200,000-gallon flush just days prior. The Chairman clarified the necessity of such flushing to comply with legal regulations.

MOTION: Board Member Taylor moved we approve the Consent Agenda, 3. Disbursement Listing for November 2024, 4. Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2025 through November 2024, 5. November 2024 Water Usage Comparison, 6. Minutes: November 13, 2024.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Sair.

VOTE: Chairman Farrar called for a vote:

Board Member Sair - Aye

Chairman Farrar - Aye

Board Member Spendlove - Aye

Board Member Taylor - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION

No request.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Board Member Sair motioned to adjourn.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Taylor.

VOTE: Chairman Farrar called for a roll call vote:

Board Member Sair - Aye

Chairman Farrar - Aye

Board Member Spendlove - Aye

Board Member Taylor - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Approved BY: _____

Chairman | Michael Farrar

Attest BY: _____

Clerk/Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo