

**FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
7090 McComber Street
Sacramento, CA 95828
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
7:00P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Baliel called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

1.	Timothy Baliel	President	Present
	Gary Schopf	Director	Absent
	Judi Johnson	Director	Absent
	Leonard Heimericks	Director	Present
	Cindy Russell	Director	Present
	Edmond Leggette	General Manager	Present

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Quorum established.

3. DISCUSSION OF METERS:

Director Baliel said he has a meter but is still flat rate.

Director Heimericks asked that the Board move forward with a meter bid so the District can stop putting this off.

General Manager Leggette noted that these bids are good for only a certain number of days and the District runs the risk of spending more money on meters later if the Board does not decide on a bid. If the Board chooses a bid, then the District locks in the price regardless if meters will be installed at the time of approval. The price is set and will not change. So however long it takes the District to get ready for meter installation then at least the District already had a price locked down.

Director Baliel and Director Russell stated they want to immediately start charging customers for the charge for the meter to which Attorney Bernadett said that is illegal unless the proper rate study process has been completed.

Director Baliel wants to take the money set aside for meters and put it into a bank account for a year to gain interest. Attorney Bernadett stated there is naturally a lot of restrictions for special districts that most likely will prohibit Director Baliel's request from happening. However, it would not hurt to double check with the District's Accountant. Director Baliel said he would check with Larry Bain to see if that is possible. Attorney Bernadett and General Manager Leggette said that Larry Bain is the District's auditor for billing, not the District's Accountant.

Director Heimericks recommended the District possibly hire a Public Relations firm to help notify the Public that the District is going through a rate study to possibly increase rates and to notify the District customers that, per California law, meters are coming and will be installed and would like the customers feedback on those items before the District moves forward.

This Special Meeting was solely a discussion and nothing was to be voted on. The Board will continue to work on the correct process for meters and work on a plan to properly notify the customers prior to rate increase and meter installation.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Edmond J. Leggette

General Manager/Secretary to the Board