

**MERCY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 21, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held on August 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.
Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present: Palmer McCoy, Director
Juan Cadena, Director
Richard Wathen, Director

District Staff Present: Patrick McGowan, General Manager & Secretary
Marlene Brazil, Accounting Supervisor
Sandra Reyes, Water Master

Others Present: Gabriel Delgado, General Counsel
Erick Johnson, The Water Agency

CALL TO ORDER

President Pro Tempore Juan Cadena called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

ROLL CALL

General Manager Patrick McGowan reported that the District would like to add an Agenda Item #8b that addressed adding Officer Appointments. Upon a motion by Incoming President Palmer McCoy and seconded by Director Richard Wathen, the item was added to the Agenda.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE JUNE 19, 2024, UNOFFICIAL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

General Manager Patrick McGowan explained that there are no official minutes from the last special board meeting held due to a lack of quorum. Upon a motion by Director P. McCoy and seconded by Director R. Wathen, the board accepted what was discussed at the last board meeting.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION # 58-2024 REQUESTING THE CANCELLATION OF FRESNO COUNTY MERCY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT ELECTION

General Manager Patrick McGowan explained that no one filed for candidacy and the District is in the process of having the Fresno County Board of Supervisors accept the appointments requested. Upon a motion by Director McCoy and seconded by Director Wathen, the Board approved Resolution # 58-2024 requesting the cancellation of the Mercy Springs Water District Election.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION # 59-2024 AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES TO THE DISTRICT'S WESTAMERICA BANK ACCOUNTS TO EXECUTE BANKING TRANSACTIONS, SIGN CHECKS, MAKE ACCOUNTS TRANSFERS, AND WIRE TRANSFERS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS, AS WELL AS REMOVING A FEW SIGNATORIES NO LONGER AUTHORIZED

Upon a motion by Director P. McCoy and seconded by Director Wathen, the Board approved Resolution # 59-2024 authorizing signatories to the District's Westamerica Bank accounts and removing a few signatories no longer needed.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS TO SERVE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Upon a motion by Director R. Wathen and seconded by Director J. Cadena, the Board agreed to appoint the following officers for the remainder of this fiscal year – President – Palmer McCoy, Vice-President – Juan Cadena, Secretary – Patrick McGowan, and Treasurer – Marlene Brazil.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable
- B. Monthly Financials
- C. FYE2025 Budget to Actual Report
- D. Other Financial Matters Affecting the District

The Board suggested adding the term of the WINN Act Amortization to the Budget to Actual spreadsheet for future meetings. Upon a motion by Vice-President J. Cadena and seconded by Director R. Wathen, the board approved the financial reports as presented with the change noted.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	P. McCoy, J. Cadena, R. Wathen
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

REPORT ITEMS

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Matters Affecting the District

General Manager Patrick McGowan reported that he would like to congratulate Mr. Palmer McCoy on his appointment to the Mercy Springs Board of Directors. Mr. McGowan also reported that he is actively looking at consolidating Mercy Springs Water District into Panoche Water District to help minimize costs and make things easier for everyone involved. In the meantime, we are going to look at our by-laws and see if we can revise our quorum to consist of 2 out of 3 Directors present. Mr. McGowan also reported that at the beginning of July, Mercy Springs WD received word from the County of Fresno Grand Jury that they are conducting audits on the websites of special districts and that Mercy Springs Water District (MSWD) is one of them. Legal Counsel Gabriel Delgado indicated that MSWD is in compliance, while Mr. McGowan noted that the District has up to 90 days to complete the “District Transparency Certificate of Excellence” checklist. Mr. McGowan also discussed the permanent re-assignment to Angiola Water District and that this would be something he would be looking into.

B. MSWD and PWD Consolidation

Mr. McGowan reported that he has received an outline from Baker Manock Jensen of points to follow for potential consolidation.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting was scheduled for November 20, 2024, at 11:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Palmer McCoy adjourned the regular meeting at 11:41 a.m.



Palmer McCoy, President



Patrick McGowan, Secretary