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Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 14, 2017

Cascadel Mutual Water Company Board of Directors met on Friday, April 14, 2017 for its regular meeting. Present were directors Stan Eggink, Ed Rose and Ken Trapp. Directors Graham Guizar and Wayne Shortes were unable to attend. Others attending were Brian Curtis, Cynthia Curtis and Ken Wood. There was a quorum.

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm by president Stan Eggink. The agenda was reviewed and approved on M/S (Trapp/Rose) with no objections.

Minutes

Minutes of 12/9/16 were approved on M/S (Rose/Trapp) as submitted. No Objections.

President's Report:

Stan noted that there is still no indication of how the new administration will deal with existing federal grants and loans. He informed the board of Ken's discovery that the taxes for the lot the CMWC purchased were not paid, the change in ownership was not recorded at the county, and a penalty was assessed for non-payment. Proper documentation has been sent to the county, the tax was paid by the CMWC, and we are waiting to see if the penalty will be removed.

The directors also discussed the pros and cons of looking into the purchase of the lot next the one the CMWC did purchase. No real benefit was noted.

Treasurer's Report:

P & L Report and balance sheet were handed out. Report approved – M/S (Trapp/Rose)

Operator's Report:

Operator Ken Wood reported on the status of the system as follows:

1. Usage at about 7,000gpd to 8,000gpd.
2. Spring production is at 72gpm, from a high of 163gpm. Turbidity level for the spring is still up, but Bac-T tests are clear.
3. There was damage to the 4' pipe at the bridge from a hazard tree and resulting digging caused a break in the phone line and also exposed the fiber optic tube that Ponderosa was looking for. The damage site was isolated, members were informed of the break, and testing completed.
4. Plans are to rebuild the chlorinator pump and repair the shed.
5. Will be doing the annual flushing of the service lines in May or June.
6. Testing results for the annual and three year to six year tests were submitted and all test results were good.
7. There are still a few dead trees by the #3 Well site that need to be removed.

Communications:

1. J & V Meyers – A letter was sent to the Meyers explaining an error to their water bill.
2. D. Menton – The check received from Ms. Menton after the closure of the sale of her home was returned to her with a thank you note.
3. Delinquent Payment Letters – The directors discussed revising the “Notice of Delinquent Account” letter, and of how to deal with delinquent accounts on vacant property, benefits and drawbacks to reclaiming a membership, or of removing a meter versus locking it. The letter will be revamped before being used.

Unfinished Business:

Well #3 – Air Gap Problem – Ken has not been successful in locating a contractor to do the work, but has verification from the county that a permit will not be required and thus a licensed contractor can do the job and a water system certified contractor will not be required. Ken will purchase parts so that the project can begin in late May.

USDA / Storage Tanks – Brian has met with the USDA rep in Fresno and he explained the new security process of authorizing persons to represent the company. A meeting will be planned for Brian and our engineer Mike Giersch to meet with the USDA rep. This is a new process for the USDA and we are the first to use it.

SRE – All the application work has been submitted, expect action by the state legal staff and to be able to begin the project in June. There was discussion on what a test well is, what alternatives there are should the test be unsuccessful, and requirements should the spring need to be upgraded in order to be in full service. Brian expects the county permitting will take about 60 days.

New Business:

1. Water Damage at CDC Office – The CDC directors believe the water problem is solved and we can move back in to the office. They gave permission to store our files in the room next door while replacing the carpet. Will need be sure it is healthy enough to move back in.
2. Conservation Policy – The state has issued a new executive order concerning the conservation restrictions and the declared end of the drought. The board discussed how to amend the CMWC policy for water use. The recommendation is to raise the monthly limit to 3000cuft from the 2500cuft, keep the “Do Not’s” as is, and change the even/odd restrictions. The new recommendations will be listed in the next newsletter. Will still need to finalize.
3. Annual Meeting – The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th. The request for candidate nominations will be sent out with the May bills, and ballots to be sent out by June 1st. There are three vacancies to fill (Graham, Ed and Wayne).

Adjournment of Regular Meeting

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 6:36pm on motion by Rose, seconded by Trapp, and carried with no objections.

Submitted by Cynthia Curtis
Secretary CMWC