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**Cascadel Mutual Water Company**  
**Regular Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Friday, February 14, 2020**  
**4:00PM, CDC (Old Mill Site) Conference Room**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order** at 4:02 PM

**Verify Quorum of Directors** – Quorum verified. President Stan Eggink, Vice President Wayne Shortes, and Director Ed Rose present.

**Approve Agenda & Confirm the need for Closed Session**– Added this line and **Motion** to Approve Agenda as modified – Wayne Shortes, 2nd by Ed Rose

**Approve Minutes of October 11, 2019 – Motion** – Wayne Shortes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Rose

**Reports:**

**a. Presidents –**

The CMWC now has a gasoline credit card and a debit card. The Gasoline card is to be used for the snow plow. A pin number and odometer reading must be entered to activate the pump. The Debit card is for small and/or emergency and on-line purchases. This will eliminate office time in creating the reimbursement checks and the need for Director signatures to approve the check.

We experienced Mono Winds this past week. A large live Pine was up-rooted and fell across Cascadel Drive near the entrance. Our resident Jacob Parquette was asked to assist and he was there in minutes. Jeff Bouche from the Heights was hired to remove the logs from the roadway. Stan Eggink was there with his chain saw and the skid-steer to assist in the removal of debris from the road. The road was opened within 45 minutes. The high winds caused trees to fall and snap around the CMWC buildings and other infrastructure. Clean Cut has been hired to remove the hazard trees in the coming week.

I would like the full Board to discuss the probability of issuing a credit or some other form of remuneration to those residents who are asked to assist in emergency situations and do so without hesitation.

**Discussion-** Will need the full Board to make this determination.

We have had several requests from members to have the ability to pay via credit card. We are working to upgrade our computer to make this happen for you. This Board will need a Resolution from all Directors in order to proceed on this project. **Motion-** Ed Rose – Initiate the steps required to improve the speed and performance of the office computer. Communicate the steps via email with all Directors. Each Director to vote on the matter after costs has been determined. If this project is approve by a majority vote of the Directors, the President will take the appropriate steps to complete this project in a timely manner. Motion second by Wayne Shortes.

On January 7, 2020, Madera County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to dissolve the CSA-21 and simultaneously create a Park District. Conversations with LAFCO Dave Braun have led to more questions. Meeting will be set up with the community to answer questions from the community. More on this as we are informed by the county or LAFCO.

As you may be aware, the CWPOA has applied for a large grant from Cal Fire. We will hear sometime in March if we have been awarded the funds. This grant will remove the remaining slash piles and log decks from past grants, as well as felling more hazard trees. We will focus clearing along the southern and eastern sides of Cascadel Woods.

With approval from the directors of the CDC, we have expanded the size of the CMWC and CWPOA office. You are invited after this meeting to take a tour and see for yourself how nice the office is.

The contractor who is hired to install the "air-gap" modification to well #3 has been reimbursed for the parts he purchased to do the job as well as the addition to the water line. This contractor is installing a new water meter for the Davino property. Both of these infrastructure modifications are assets of the CMWC.

The CMWC is now searching for a certified contractor to provide operational service, thus eliminating the need for employees. I have spoken with two companies to date and will be meeting with one of the companies this coming week.

**Treasurers-** Deposits are being made weekly. We have only a few customers which are delinquent. There were two large expenses since the last meeting of the Board. They were for tree removal over the bridge and the contract to lay down hot patch asphalt repair patches along Cascadel Drive from the Archway to Prohibition Creek on Cascadel Road.

**Operators – Ken Wood-** We are using 8,000 gallons a day. The Air Gap valve has been special ordered and should be here and installed before the next Board meeting. Giersch has found a qualified local contractor to bid on the job to move the inlet pipes to the top of the tanks.

**Firewise –** We have been recognized by the National Fire Prevention Association Firewise USA for being a Firewise community for ten years. Bob Buckles started the Firewise Brigade and committee in 2010. I wish to give thanks to all the past members of the Firewise Brigade and of course the current members for all your efforts in keeping Cascadel Woods a Firewise community. We will receive new signage to show this accomplishment to our neighbors and visitors. When the new signs arrive, one will replace the current sign at the entrance of the subdivision. We have applied for the NFPA State Farm Annual Firewise Day Grant of \$500. If awarded these funds, we will use the funds to clear the easements of as many roads in Cascadel Woods as possible. The funds will be used to pay for the equipment rental, fuel and other equipment like weedeating string. We will utilize the chipper and or haul off any debris we cannot chip.

**Road Committee – Ed Rose –** On January 24, 17 tons of asphalt was used to make temporary repairs on Cascadel Drive. The highest concern at this time is the rating of the big bridge and some surface repairs along with the railing and walkways. Then there is the weir near the Cascades on Cascadel Road.

I am searching for a contractor who is qualified to repair the weir on Cascadel Road at the falls. Once the contractor is found, Fish and Wildlife will be contacted for the permit to enter the water way. The repair to the weir must be substantial in order to withstand the weight of heavy equipment which crosses here rather than the big bridge. But it needs to be able to be under the water like the one we now have. We are not looking to create an object that would take away from the beautiful surroundings.

We'll be looking into getting the big bridge tested for maximum weight load. It was mentioned that there is a dip running across the width of the bridge at one end and this should be looked into. Discussion took place on the structure of the bridge being sound. The footings should be inspected again for defaults. Ed Rose, Stan Eggink and Brian Curtis will meet on Sunday, Feb 17, to do an initial inspection of the underside of the bridge. Once the weight limit has been officially determined, that sign will be posted at the entrance to warn heavy trucks coming into the subdivision so they can make the decision to enter through Cascadel Road. A weight limit sign will also be placed on both sides/ends of the bridge.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**Well #3, Air-Gap, Parts Quote** – Ken Wood covered this earlier in the Operator’s report.

**USDA Storage Tank Grant Status, Progress to date** – Brian Curtis – The Engineer needs better update on the Short Lived Assets and what are the O & M items. A short paragraph was sent to explain the O & M details. An excel chart of Short Lived Assets was created and sent to the engineer. As per the annual costs of the Short Lived Assets we will need to keep \$13,510 in reserves each year for the unexpected asset to be replaced. If all reports sent to the engineer are acceptable they will close the case and fund the money.

**Plumbing modifications, reservoir #1, Progress to date** – A new engineer contact was named and will be called soon.

**SRF Test Well Grant Status** – Brian Curtis – Unknown. I am getting a run around. I am told that it is in the hands of Sacramento. The Board requested that Brian draft a letter to sponsors of the Grant in request of a firm answer on the status of this grant. If the answer is there is no longer a grant, we could drill for the well ourselves at a cost of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of what it would be under the grant with all of the regulations that would need to be met. A second option would be to work with the USDA for a grant program to build a treatment plant for the stream. This would be no less than \$100,000 and possibly much more according to Ken Wood.

A question was asked on regarding the need to drill for an additional well. Brian answered that an additional source is necessary to handle the number of properties we have in the Woods especially in the summer months. If every property owner were full time residents, we could not supply the water adequately in the summer. With a new well, we could cap off the wells we have now that are used in case of emergency only situations, which have the uranium content.

## **New Business:**

**Status: Add a property to the Water Company distribution system** – Brian Curtis – The contractor has been reimbursed for the purchase of the necessary equipment to add the new water meter to the end of the line

**Adjourn Regular Meeting - Motion** to adjourn at 5:27 PM by Wayne Shortes, Second by Ed Rose

**Call to Order, Closed Session** – Meeting Called to order at 5:40 PM

Discussed delinquent accounts and the notices to be sent to same.

Wayne Shortes gave verbal notice of his resignation from the CMWC Board of Directors effective after the April 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the CMWC Board.

**Adjourn Closed Session – Motion** - Wayne Shortes and second by Ed Rose

**Reconvene Regular Board Meeting** – Reconvened at 6:02 PM

**Adjournment - Motion** – Wayne Shortes Second Ed Rose