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**CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
Saturday, September 25, 2021**

- 1. Call to Order** – 10:02 am
- 2. Quorum of Directors is present** – President Stan Eggink, Vice President Ed Rose, Treasurer Steve Johansen, and Secretary Ken Trapp.
- 3. Membership count to confirm quorum – No Membership Quorum present**  
Eleven memberships represented, total of 14 people present including the Board.
- 4. Draft Minutes from Oct 10, 2020 could not be approved due to the lack of membership quorum.** Motion to suspend approval by Steve Johansen and seconded by Ken Trapp until the next annual meeting.
- 5. Reports:**

**President** – Stan Eggink asked if there are any questions from the attendees on the report sent out to them in the packet for this meeting. No questions.

Stan recapped his report.

We have converted to an automated system for monitoring the tank levels and the ability to turn the pumps for the wells on & off remotely, as well as the chlorine additive. The Contractor, S & S Water Company, is in the process of adding the spring on/off valves to this automated system as well.

We have spent \$41,000 to make this system automated. The return on our investment should be seen within fifteen months. This includes the reduction of “hands on monitoring” by S & S to only one time a month, when they come up to read the meters.

**Question from the membership** – Is there an alarm sent to S & S when something goes wrong? Stan answered there is no alarm. The system is monitored daily by

cell phone. Residents are the second line of notification when they see water flowing where it should not be flowing.

**Question from the membership** – Has there been any discussion to raise the fees for water by the Board? Stan answered that there was discussion at a public meeting on November 07, 2020, when we went over the purchase of the 99,000-gallon water tank to replace the three 15,000-gallon tanks we now have. This would most likely cause a \$5.00 a month increase in the water bill. Since we are a Mutual Benefit Non-profit corporation, we cannot justify raising the fees at this time.

Stan reported the purchase of a new snowplow due to the fact our previous plow was destroyed by the Creek fire in 2020. The purchase of the new truck was from an online auction. The truck came from Colorado and had a plow blade as part of the purchase. The cost was \$14,000. We recovered \$10,400 from our insurance company when the old truck was destroyed. So, the cost to us was \$3,600. No special assessment was necessary due to the reserves in our accounts.

The bridge crossing Whiskey Creek is under repairs. Due to Covid, the parts are slow in getting here. We are waiting on the walkway to arrive. Then the bridge area will be repaved. With the new wooden beams added under the bridge along with the metal hand rails, the entire structure will be stronger. The cost to repair the bridge will be \$46,000. We have accumulated a reserve to cover this cost since everyone is paying their road fees. This could have happened two years ago, but between 2013 and 2018, we lost over \$20,000 in revenues due to residents not paying their road fees. In 2018 the water company took over the road duties and revenue. This has certainly paid off in favor of the entire community.

The next project will be to repair the weir, the under-water crossing on Cascadel Road near the Cascades.

Ed Rose reported that he sent the job out to bid to three different contractors over a year ago. One has yet to place a bid. The contractor we did agree to let do the job is a local company. He had the lowest bid and has assisted us at a moment's notice when our roads needed emergency repairs in the past.

Stan continued his report - The addition of hiring outside contractors for our water company was necessary. Having only one person in the area to service and

monitor the water system made it difficult when that person went on vacation or became ill and could not work. S & S Water Services has been our contractor for about one year now. We have done the same with our office accounting business. We hired a company located in Oakhurst, Busy Bee Accounting. They answer calls and there is always someone there to take over should one of the accountants become ill or go on vacation. Busy Bee owner, Sandra Adelizi, was instrumental in helping us locate a new insurance provider as well as a new CPA Firm. We found that we were under insured. This has been rectified, and we are now insured for 2.5 million. This is what it would cost to replace our infrastructure of the water company today.

The new CPA firm has made the taxes available to us in a remarkably quicker time than our previous CPA Firm. This is evident by the tax document in the packet you should have received by mail last week.

**Treasurer Busy Bee Reported** – The S & S contractor's initial expense was larger than the single employees. In the future we will see a large savings. We now have 20 people on auto pay for their monthly dues. This ability allowed for the CMWC to be paid quickly from CAL Fire after the Creek Fire of 2020. They like to pay by credit card instead of a check due to the length of time it takes them to get the checks from corporate. We do not get a lot of money per gallon. It is only five cents per cubic foot. There are 7.4 gallons per cubic foot of water. CAL Fire used 613,000 gallons (82,837.8 cubic feet = \$4,142) during the Mission Fire and 907,000 gallons (122,567.56 cubic feet = \$6,128) during the Creek Fire. CAL Fire used even more during the Creek Fire, but it was not possible to calculate their usage after September 18, 2020 when the residents were allowed back into their homes.

**FIREWISE Brigade** – We have had approximately 26 community volunteers helping out on the clearing, weedeating, mowing, and burning on the CSA properties this year. We are in better shape this year than in the past.

Sandra Adelizi reported we have received over \$2,000 in donations to the Firewise Brigade since the request for donations went out to the community.

A member asked about the clearing along the creek behind Cascadel North. Can the Firewise Brigade help on this? We will look at the area and develop a plan for clearing and burning.

## **6. Open Discussion with Membership –**

There was discussion on the CSA property and clubhouse on why it was created and how it is maintained by the County of Madera. After the county has spent \$7,200 of the CSA assessment, volunteers come in and finish mowing and piling for burning during the burn season.

**7. Appointment of New Directors –** According to CA Corporate Code for Non-Profit Mutual Corporations 7522 (d), we were not required to hold an election. Since there were three openings to fill, and we had only three candidates, they were appointed as per corporate code.

Stan reminded everyone that our community Potluck BBQ will be held on October 30, 2021. It will be a Halloween themed BBQ with a small contest for costumes if you chose to participate. More information on this event will be posted on the Cascadel Woods Community and Residents pages.

**8. Adjourn the membership meeting –** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ken Trapp and seconded by Steve Johansen at 11:12 PM.

Minutes by CE and Edited by ST