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**CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
ON CLUBHOUSE LAWN AT 10:00 AM
59827 CASCADEL DRIVE, NORTH FORK, CA 93643

1. Meeting called to order at 10:17
2. Directors present: Stan Eggink, Ken Trapp, Michael Delaney, Ed Rose and Steve Johanson
3. Membership Quorum: Membership quorum not satisfied, only 16 members present, 68 required.
4. Approval of September 24, 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. Due to lack of membership quorum, the Board must approve. Motion made by Michael Delaney to approve minutes without correction; Ed Rose seconded motion. Unanimously approved.
5. Reports:
 - a. President Stan Eggink responded to questions from members:

Keith McClure asked about the remaining length of 1994-95 loan for the water tank project. Stan explained 12 years remained on the 40-year USDA loan (1995). However, another loan is being requested to replace three existing 15-gallon tanks at the end of Vista with one 99-gallon tank. Some discussion ensued when Cindy asked about a grant related to an empty lot on Cascadel Drive formerly owned by YMCA. Stan assured the membership the Board had requested a grant, but cancelled that application to reapply. However, the data required was extreme and not at all pertinent to the community's small operations. "Too much info."

Damages to the community from last winter totaled \$47,000 so far, but more analysis is needed. In response to Cindy Curtis, Stan affirmed Kraft & Lee are the company's insurance carrier. Further explaining, for the company to be reimbursed for damages, the insurance company must determine what it will pay, the excess will then be submitted to FEMA. Stan assured the members, the company has the required reserves of \$18,000 and loan options are with USDA and SBA. He also affirmed the County has agreed the community's roads belong to Cascadel. Corresponding documentation took place in February 2023 when CMWC asked for help with County equipment.

Water rates: Proposed water rate increase analysis is being considered. Reserves were used to pay for infrastructure damage this year.

Road fees: Way too low considering the increased costs of materials and labor. Improvements not allowed, only maintenance. For instance, widening a road requires a special assessment; only costs for maintenance can be paid from the annual road funds. With regard to increasing costs, a bag of asphalt used to cost \$6 a bag, now it is \$25 a bag reduced by 10 lbs. Stan and four other residents have been certified for traffic management for traffic control during road work, which saves the company \$1,400 a day for each flagger/traffic controller. It has been a struggle not to propose raised rates, but eventually the membership (not the Board) will be asked to decide when and how much is necessary.

Further discussion followed with Cindy emphasizing no CSA funds are allowed to be used for roads or water. Cindy also asked about emergency funds. Stan explained under the USDA loan requirements; there must be a 2-year loan reserve and emergency funds in reserve. It is also a state requirement.

- b. Financial reports briefly reviewed.
 - c. Stan reported a new water operator company from Madera was hired in February 2023. The company reads the meters and reports on lab samples.
6. Open discussion: Keith McClure asked about the large grading equipment active during a period of snow removal and how the operation was paid or by whom. Stan explained the grader belonged to the County, but no comment on payment. However, many comments followed about the results of the grader's work, i.e., covered fire hydrants, car, telephone wires, shoveled berms creating one-lane roads, etc. Brian asked about the weir report in Whiskey Creek. Stan responded stating it would be about \$15,000 and mentioned a steel plate in lieu of total repair. Cindy requested a sign to signal to drivers the dangerous condition hidden by the creek water. Finally, Judy and Ed Rose asked about coyote removal since the marked increase in the population. More discussion about larger wildlife. No conclusion.
 7. Appointment of Directors. There are three open positions and only three nominees. In accordance with Corp Code 7522(d) the Board will adjourn to a Special Meeting to appoint nominees to the open positions.
 8. Adjournment. Motion made by Brian Curtis to adjourn the regular annual meeting; motion seconded by Susan Harrell. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.