

UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

04/06/2022 Blue River Water Board Monthly Board Meeting

Called To Order @ 6:10PM

Board Members Present: Josh Cloke, Tony Casad, Melanie Stanley, Jim Parks, and Alice Bonasio

Board Member Absent: N/A

Superintendent: Al Artero

Consultant: Jason Carman (Absent)

Approval of Agenda: Melanie motioned to approve, Tony C. 2nd, All in Favor, Passes Unanimously

Public Present: Judy Casad, McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce, Tim Herrera, and James Baker

Public Comment: None at Beginning

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were sent to Board ahead of meeting for review, available to public upon request, Tony C., motioned to accept, Josh C. 2nd, All in Favor, Passes Unanimously.

Superintendent Report:

of active services 71

3/4 inch 62

1 inch 5

2 inch 2

3 inch 2

of inactive 9

of turn ons 0

of turn offs 0

of applications 0

of installations 0

Total water produced (well meter) gals 1.698

Total meter consumption / gallons 248

Total water sales \$2631.28

Unaccounted for water (Loss) gals 1.45

Meters Read on the 15th 60

of meters tested and repaired 2

of leaks repaired 0

Planned to have a report together with information for the cost estimate and the schedule with Pro-Underground. Because of break yesterday another repair there is a delay in this.

Hose and meter that have been used for the hydro-seed trucks needs to be moved and put away if they are done with all that set-up.

Repairs on Blue River Dr: One has been taken care and is just waiting for plumber, other one will be hooked up as soon as possible, but there are still some things that need to be dealt with before the work can take place.

School will need to be done when the kids are not in session, and other large meter will need to be replaced completely but there are no known by-passes in place at those connections. Jason suggested where that might be, so that the replacement can be easier.

Reservoir Communication System: replacement of smart switch has been ordered, no exact timeline as to replacement, Al will call TAG tomorrow and get that set up and will inform the Board.

Items from Commissioners:

Feasibility study has been ordered for HDR, engineering will be working on plan that works for the new system.

Tony C.: HDR was picked in top 3 of contractors for the project, so everyone is feeling good about that.

Trying to get all the principles involved here on the ground so they can see what they are dealing with and not just seeing it on paper.

Oregon Solutions will be helping to push conversations and are gathering as much information as possible to get the group up to speed on where everything is at and the level of help that OS will be providing.

New billing portal is up and running. Jim and Tony both gave good reviews of the new system. Seeing the readings and water usage it looks like things are running well, no huge issues or large spikes in people bills.

Al said that the meter reading has been nice because it actually helped him see a leak on a property and helped the customer address it quickly.

Customers have been voicing some concern and anxiety over the “cost of water” going in summer so Al just wants to make sure we’re keeping that conversation going about “summer rates” vs. “fall/winter rates”

Still trying to determine usage rates on the larger meters, will be working through that actively. Tony C., wants this taken care of sooner than later, so that we’re not pushing it further back and not getting something set up. We need to have a meeting that’s public, and it needs to be away from the regular meeting. Jason C., says having a rate setting subcommittee isn’t out of the normal. Melanie says we can set a meeting date and time and she can get the public notice out and get the meeting set up.

Lane T., from the MRCS is totally on board with the Water District and the making all the changes we need to. Hopefully there can be a collaborative effort between the districts to make sure that our relationship remains stable.

Josh C., there will be lots of planning and will make sure that our rates are in line with other areas etc.

Tony C., we want to be fair and understanding with everybody. We are doing everything we can to hunt down the water loss we've been having in the system so starting with the biggest meters is our first step.

Al, the capacity that we have to keep track of water going through the system is something that we didn't have prior to the fire. We had the ability to track run time but not the full levels of usage the way we can now, so the fact that we are able to track things the way we can now and we're really able to see where that usage is and how many gallons is a huge step.

Upcoming inspection: No one has heard anything from the Nick @ Lane County about the scheduling. Jason will be reaching out to him tomorrow to see what's going on with all that.

Water District Building Update

Tony C., it has to go out for 2 bids and then be submitted. Tony will get it going next week hopefully and get it moving forward so that we can get everything to FEMA/INS and get the building rebuild underway.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was sent to Board ahead of meeting for review, available to public upon request.

Water Sales \$2896.00	Savings: \$220,824.56	Checking: \$5,957.00	GIP: \$109,792.00
Deposits: \$2896.00	Bills: \$5307.76	Insurance: \$0.00	Balance After Bills: \$649.24

Tony C., recommending we move \$2,000 to Checking.

Reminding the Board that we need to be very mindful of our income/expenses.

Melanie motions to pay bills, move \$2000 from savings to checking, and approve report, Jim P. 2nd, All in Favor, passes unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing outside of the monthly minutes to report.

General Comments from Board

Our Websites have been up and running. The contact feature has been utilized and seems to be working well.

Adjourned @ 7:04pm