

WBYC W&SD December 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Dan Ewen. Other board members in attendance were Judy Becker, Gary Fredericks and Joey Oltrogge.

Others in attendance: Dan Krum, Sandra Kust, Don Dvorak, Scott Schelm and Chad Hansen-Great West Engineering.

Approval of the November 9, 2020 meeting minutes: Judy Becker made a motion, Gary Fredericks seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved.

Approval of the bills: Gary Fredericks made a motion to approve the bills, totaling \$61,947.55. Judy Becker seconded the motion and it was approved.

Delegations: Chad Hansen, Great West Engineering was in attendance to discuss our need for interim financing, for our water project, until the water rights we will need are approved. He reported that this would be done thru SRF (State Revolving Fund), with interest at approx. 1.75%. Application will be worked on and would be in an estimated amount of \$689,000.00. Rural Development will give us the amount of financing (grant & Loan) contingent on the water rights approval. The bidding for the project could be started in late January, once the interim financing is available. The wells could be drilled possibly in Feb. or March.

Correspondence: None.

Operators Reports: Sandra Kust report is on file with the minutes. Dan Krum's report shows office work, work with Solar Panel repair's, work with Sandra on RD application improvements. Past Due Accounts were reviewed with 12 accounts sent past due letters and two accounts sent shut-off notices.

Kathleen Plumb has requested that we waive the late fees on her account, as she has had several incidents in her life recently that needed attention. Gary Fredericks made a motion to waive the late fees (\$40.00), Judy Becker seconded the motion and it was approved.

Bookkeeper Report: The November Net Income was \$8,317.99 and for the year \$181,209.09. The total income for the month was \$31,095.08 and total expenses was \$22,777.09. Repairs & Maintenance and purchased supplies continue to outpace the annual budget.

Old Business: 1. Drinking Water Status: Financing applications have been put together and additional interim financing applications will be worked on.

2. Hail Insurance Claim: Contractor is waiting on better weather and for his schedule to open up.

3. New Board Member: We have a prospect for this position and will let us know the meeting in January.

4. TSEP Grant & DNRC Grant: Just waiting for money to be deposited into our account Total would be \$30,000.00.

5. Part Time Employee: Joey Oltrogge said she would help out if needed. The board approved and Gary Fredericks made a motion to pay her \$12.00 an hour. Judy Becker seconded the motion and it was approved.

6. Water Tank Solar Panel Repair and Security System Install: The Solar Panel has been replaced and the Security System is waiting for nicer weather.

7. General Manager Status: Gary Fredericks reported that Dan was doing his job and stated that the position should continue. Dan reported that he would start withholding as an employee. The board members agreed to this set-up.

8. Rural Development Grant Status: Info presented above.

New Business: 1. DNRC Loan Application: Discussed above.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Krum