

WBYC WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

January 13, 2020

Regular Meeting

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WORDEN BALLANTINE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order on Jan. 13, 2020 at 7:00 P. M. by Pres. Gary Foss. Members in attendance Judy Becker, Brandin Jarrett, Dan Ewen and Gary Fredericks.

Also present: Sandra Kust, Don Dvorak, Dan Krum and others on a list with the minutes.

A motion by Brandin Jarrett and seconded by Dan Ewen to approve the minutes of the Dec. 9, 2019 meetings. Motion passed 4 for and Gary Foss not voting.

Delegations: Correspondence: Mark Wandle, Superintendent of the H. P. Schools, wanted to know if any progress had been made on a plan to possibly use the wells on the school grounds or drill new wells and split Worden from Ballantine temporarily, until a more suitable plan was completed. The wells had been tested and appeared to be okay. The plan was still be worked on, but nothing solid had been decided. It was also brought up that the current water collection area would be camerad to see if any of the pipe had collapsed. Aaron Larson questioned the plan, but nothing could be decided until further investigation was done.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Dan Ewen and seconded by Judy Becker to approve the bills, except for the Springline bill, until clarification was done on the responsibility between the Engineers, the contractor and WBYC. The motion was approved 4 votes for and Gary Foss not voting. Dan Krum had brought up the Springline bill and had talked to the engineer and Chad said they might have some liability, but he would have to talk to Springline first. Dan Krum also reported on the Hail loss settlement, with the Insurance company and stated that they had paid for damage at the water source area, but failed to do anything with the Office building and the lift stations. He had talked to the Ins. Agent and she was going to check things out.

Operator reports are on file with the minutes. There are 8 past due letters and 2 balance due lien filings.

Bookkeepers Report: The Net Income for December was \$21,639.92 and for the year \$159,874.20. The depreciation had been posted for 2019 and brought the overall net income to \$52,263.25. The expenses were higher due to supplies, payroll and testing bills and the Income was higher because of the grants, from the loan proceeds and the Insurance claim of over \$21,000.00.

Old Business: 1. Waudby water shut off was not completed. 2. The paperwork for the on-line bill paying has been completed and we are waiting on the company to complete their end of the process. 3. Fire Hydrants were checked and it was noted the one of the school hydrants was chained to a table and another one has no access or water to it. It was decided to take the last one out. There was a hydrant in Trask subdivision that needed to be raised up. 4. Meter over reporting was discussed and more information needed to be received on the Ballantine pump house meter. The Worden pump house and well meters were okay. 5. The confidentiality Agreement needs to be signed by the board members and would be done by the next meeting. 6. Drinking water update was given and it is showing the nitrates are creeping up and are now at 6.84. 7. Generator availability was discussed and Dan Ewen had not checked with Laurel Power to get a contract in place. 8. Scott Schmidt residence had received a new meter and it was reading the same as the original one.. Therefore no credit would be given to the Schmidt's on their water bill. 9. The Carla Anguiano bill, in the amount of \$1,269.93, would be charged off, as they had paid a considerable amount earlier and the water had been shut-off. Wally Anguiano would pay the monthly reduced bill. Gary Fredericks moved, Dan Ewen seconded the motion to approve the charge-off. The motion was passed 4 votes for and Gary Foss not voting.

New Business: It was noted that a new operator would have to be hired, as Ricky Coyle had resigned, as of January 3, 2020. The Board will have a work meeting to set the parameters, for a new hire and this would be decided at the new regular meeting. The District will need to put together an agreement with the Huntley Project Irrigation District, who is going to dig around our water line, if there is any collapsed areas. The company doing the photoing can go a maximum of 800' in one shot and would probably have to use a 10' camera. A meeting would have to be held with the District, the H.P.I.D. and the landowners involved.