

WBYC WSD-Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2020

Call to Order-Meeting was called to order by Board President Gary Foss. Board members present are Gary Foss, Brandin Jarrett, Judy Becker, Dan Ewen, Joey Oltrogge and Gary Fredericks.

Approval of meeting minutes: Motion to approve the February 10, 2020 meeting, as presented, was made by Dan Ewen and seconded by Brandin Jarrett and was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Bills: Motion to pay the bills, less the Kelsey Industries bill, was made by Dan Ewen and seconded by Brandin Jarrett and was approved by 5-0 vote.

Delegations: Curt Arney had purchased some property on N. 15th Rd. and figured it was too costly to put in a road and sewer line. He has the property for sale, but wanted to know if he could put in the sewer and not pay the monthly fee, until it was actually active. Judy Becker made a motion to allow the hook-up and pay the fee, but not pay the monthly fee until active. Brandin Jarrett Seconded the motion and it was approved. Neal Oltrogge wanted to know what is being done to solve the water problem and was told that the engineers were doing a PER study and it would be presented before the next meeting.

Correspondence: None

Operators reports: Operators reports are on file with the minutes.

General Manager; Attended the on-line meeting with Great West Engineering in regards to the PER and also talked to Great West Engineering in regards to the Springline Const. bill on the lagoon force main problem. This was taken care of with Great West paying half of the bill and the other half would be forgiven thru the loan/grant program.

Bookkeepers Report: The net income for February is \$-2,522.40 and for the year \$6,256.64. The total income for February was \$31,129.66 and total expenses of \$33,652.06. The Repairs & Maint. And supplies are running way over budget, to date, causing the low net income, for the first two months.

1. Online Bill Paying: has been set-up and is in use for the February billing.
2. Checking Fire Hydrants: The fire hydrant in Trask Sub. Will be completed when the weather gets nicer and the school fire hydrants will be overhauled this Spring.
3. Meter over reporting: A new meter had been ordered and will be installed when received. This goes in the Ballantine pump house.
4. Confidentiality Agreement: The info was at the lawyer's office and is for the board members.
5. Drinking water status: The nitrates have risen to 10.44, so once again the DEQ will probably take action. The PER study by Great West Engineers will be completed before month's end.
6. Generator Contract: Dan Ewen had contacted Laurel Power, but had not received any paperwork.
7. New Operator: Gary Fredericks had figured with the proper licenses a hourly salary at \$21.63 would figure out to be \$45,000.00. More work will be done for when applications are received.
8. Hail Loss: Dan Krum has been in contact with the insurance company and they are sending out an adjuster this spring.

9. Working Agreement with HPID: We need to get together with them and decide what needs to be done and who will do the work, both physically and financially.
10. General Manager: Gary Fredericks stated that he thought the GM was doing a good job and made a motion to continue with the current GM, at least until someone was hired and trained. The motion was seconded by Judy Becker and was approved 5 to 0.

New Business: The VFW has requested us to build a snow break on our building, as the snow is causing some damage to their building, because it is so close to ours. Gary Foss said his son had a high lift that could be used to fix the snow break. It was decided to proceed with this work.

It was discussed that we should get someone to mow the grass and weed eat the various properties.

The board decided to run a help wanted ad with the Montana Water Users Systems in Great Falls.

The past due were reviewed and all accounts with past due balances were to get shut-off notices and those with 60 day balances would get past due notices.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P>M>

Next Meeting: May 11, 2020