

# **WORDEN BALLANTINE YELLOWSTONE CO. WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**

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WBYC WSD MINUTES 5/11/2020

Meeting was called to order by Board President Gary Foss. Board members present were Gary Foss, Joey Oltrogge, Dan Ewen and Judy Becker.

Other in attendance were Dan Krum, Sandra Kust, Don Dvorak and Gary Mayes from Mayes Drilling.

Delegations: Gary Mayes discussed the problems using drains instead of wells, for the District water source. He said a test well would run \$1,200.00 to around 40' and using 6" pipe. The first test well would possibly be in the Ballantine Park. The Board members present agreed to this scenario and it could be done within the next two to three weeks.

Approval of meeting April 20, 2020 minutes: Dan Ewen made a motion, Judy Becker seconded the motion to approve these minutes. This was approved 3-0 with Gary Foss abstaining. The minutes of the special meeting, held on 5/4/2020 was approved by motion by Dan Ewen and a second by Judy Becker and approved by the Board vote of 3-0 with Gary Foss abstaining.

Approval of Bills: Dan Ewen made a motion to approve the presented bills. Judy Becker seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0 with Gary Foss abstaining.

Correspondence: None

The operator's reports are on file with the Board minutes. The General Manager reported he had done the deposits, spent time checking an elusive address at 1680 Birch, in Ballantine, observed the hydrant and shut off problem being fixed at Kosmicki's, reviewed District activities and made corrections on some accounts. Past dues were reviewed and suggestions made, but nothing could be done, because of the virus directive, by the Governor. They are on file with the minutes.

Bookkeepers report: The net income for April was \$13,679.76 and for the year \$33,739/41. The income for April was \$29,005.22 and the expenses were \$15,325.46. The District finances were running fairly close to the budget, with some income not realized, at this time.

Old Business: 1. Fire Hydrants at school-work is in progress to correct the problems.

2. Meter over reporting: The meter has been replaced, with a new meter.

3. Confidentiality Agreement: Has not been completed.

4. Drinking water status: Dan Ewen reported the Oblander's do not want us at Drain 2 anymore, partly because a Mt. Rural Water systems person told them they would have to move their corrals and shed. This had not been reported to us before this meeting. There was a lot of discussion on Drain 2 and Drain 13. Because of the water quality and possibly better water with wells. There were 6 possible well sites suggested. Dan Ewen made a motion to make going with wells a 1st choice and to drill a test well in Ballantine Park. Judy Becker seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

5. New Operator Hire- Discussion was held and it was decided to possibly go with a part-time operator. This would be done at a later date.

6. Hail Loss Claim: A call was received stating that adjuster's would becoming the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. Working Agreement With H.P.I.D.; We will wait to see where we end up on water source.

8. Snow Break on Roof: We are waiting for the adjuster's to come back to see if there is damage to the roof, where it would need to be replaced.

9. Tiger Town Overcharge: The meter was reading even when the water was turned off, so they paid for water for months that they weren't using. The board voted to give Tiger Town an \$1,000.00 credit. A motion was made by Judy Becker and seconded by Dan Ewen. It was approved by all board members.

New Business: 1. There was some discussion in regards to Board members whose terms ended on May 5, 2020. These members were Gary Foss and Gary Fredericks. There was also some confusion in regards to Joey Oltrogge's term, as it showed it was up in 2021, but because she had put in a petition different steps would have to be taken. The Board decided to wait on appointing until more clarification could be received, from the county, on everyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel

Krum, Executive Secretary