

WORDEN BALLANTINE YELLOWSTONE CO. WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

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WBYC WSD October 12, 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, Katrina McNiven from YCN and Kal Tucker from Maquire Iron.

Delegations: Kal Tucker reported that the repair work on the 40,000 gallon tank went fairly well and was completed on 10/6/2020. He presented a maintenance plan for this tank, which includes cleaning and painting and annual check-ups at a cost of \$23,353.00 per year for five years. There was some discussion but the board decided to review more and make a decision at the next meeting.

Approval of September meeting Minutes: Judy Becker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Gary Fredericks seconded the motion and it was approved.

Approval of Bills: Gary Fredericks made a motion to approve the monthly bills, Joey Oltrogge seconded the motion and it was approved.

Operator's reports: Operators reports are on file with the monthly minutes. General Manager reported the regular routine of making deposits and taking phone calls. Also reported working to get a solar repair company to respond to our phone calls to get the solar panel fixed on the big tank. Also worked on sending out shut-off letters, observing some water tank repair and working with Sandra to get info for the RD grant and the TSEP grant.

Bookkeepers report: The September net income was \$5,257.88 and the yearly income was \$172,212.19. The gross income for Sept. was \$33,689.61 and gross expenses \$28,431.73. The income the running a little ahead of the budget figures, without the Insurance money added and the expenses were about \$15,000.00 over the budget due to higher maintenance and repairs and higher supplies.

Old Business: 1. Drinking Water Status: We are waiting on the test wells water quality results and working on the funding for this project.

2. Hail Loss Claim: Working with contractor to get a time frame when work would be done.

3. New Board Members: It was decided to put an ad in the Yellowstone County News and to make a concerted effort to try to get two new board members.

4. TSEP Grant: The last form needs to be completed and signed and then will be sent in to get the reimbursement.

5. Public Meeting Feasibility: Great West Engineering has put together a power point presentation and this will be put on our website. A letter will be sent to all members and they will have a two week period to send in written comments or questions. Everything will have to be kept, as it will have to be

sent in the RD. Gary Fredericks made a motion to take the previous steps, Joey Oltrogge seconded the motion and it was approved.

7. Landowners Agreements: All test well agreements have been received.

8. Water Tank Vandalism: Having problems getting a solar company to work with.

9. 40,000 Gallon Tank Work: The tank will be back on line no later than Friday.

10. GM Responsibilities: Montana Code Annotated shows the duties of the GM. The Districts by-laws are in violation of state law. After some discussion the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

11. Rural Development Grant: Sandra has put in a lot of time putting this together. More paperwork needs to be done and the financial past needs to be put on their forms. Also, the Right-Of-Ways need to be done by our Attorney. They also need a copy of our insurance to make sure we have proper amounts of insurance.

12. Past Dues: There were 8 shut-off letters sent out, with some response by meeting time. Judy Becker made a motion to waive the late fees on account #002666. Gary Fredericks seconded the motion and it was approved.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Krum