

WBYC WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2019

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 Oct. 14, 2019 at 7:00 P. M. by Pres. Gary Foss. Members in attendance Gary Foss, Brandin Jarrett, Judy Becker and Gary Fredericks.

Also present: Rick Coyle, Sandra Kust, Don Dvorak, Dan Krum, Phyllis Foss, Kim Mueller & Diana Fredericks.

A motion by Dan Ewen and seconded by Gary Fredericks to approve the minutes of the Sept. 9 2019 meetings, with two corrections. Parker Jimison was in attendance and the meter check was being done by someone from Belgrade. This was approved four to zero, with one abstaining.

Delegations: Phyllis Foss had questioned the higher vehicle expenses and the increase in payroll costs. The vehicle expense was from purchasing a new pickup and adding things on the pickup that were needed and the payroll increase was due to the water problem, which was creating a lot more work thru sampling having to be done on a daily basis and some lack of organization.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the County Commissioners appointing Gary Fredericks to the Board thru May 2020.

A motion by Dan Ewen and seconded by Gary Fredericks to approve the expenses, as presented, was approved four to zero with one abstention.

Operator's Report: Operator reports from Rick, Don and Sandra are on file. The past due list showed the need for 12 past due letters to be sent out.

Bookkeepers Report: The Net Income for September was \$57,402.67 and for the year \$116,869.00. The huge increase in income was due to grants received from DNRC thru the loan forgiveness program. This amounted to \$54,273.00 in loan forgiveness. The expenses were higher due to professional fees, payroll and higher repair bills.

Old Business: 1. Waudby water shut off was not completed. We need to find the water shut off first. 2. The lagoon force main project was now complete. 3. The district website is up and the bill paying and online accounting is being pursued. 4. Fire Hydrants are waiting for Fire Dept. action. 5. Checking meters on pumps for leak detection will be done the following Wednesday. 6. The planning grant proposal was completed. 7. The confidentiality Agreement has not been signed by everyone. 8. Rick took the first water test and passed it. The test offering will be in March, 2020, in Great Falls. There were several people that said they would be trying to get the proper licenses. We need to get the necessary books, as we are using books from Ft. Smith. 9. Drinking water status was discussed and water is available for those who want it. Dan Ewen moved, Brandin Jarrett seconded the motion to fix the valves in the clear wells, if needed and to have Springline Construction do the work. The motion was approved four to zero with one abstention

New Business: 1. Gary Foss brought up the need for a generator and it was noted that we had a contract with Laurel Power System to provide a generator within 12 hours. Dan Ewen will check with TWE, in Billings, to see what kind of program they had. 2. It was noted that it was taking more than two hours, morning and night to check the pumps because of the ongoing residuals having to be taken. Dan Ewen moved, Gary Fredericks seconded the motion to change the pay schedule to \$18.00 per hour, instead of \$45.00 per day. The motion passed four to one.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Daniel L. Krum, Executive Secretary