

WBYC WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

Sept. 9, 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 Sept. 9, 2019 at 6:00 P. M. by Pres. Dan Ewen. Members in attendance Gary Foss, Brandin Jarrett and Gary Fredericks.

Also present: Rick Coyle, Sandra Kust, Don Dvorak, Dan Krum, Judy Becker, Parker Jimison-YCB and Jon Rutt.

A motion by Brandin Jarrett and seconded by Dan Ewen to approve the minutes of the Aug. 12, 2019 meetings. This was approved unanimously.

Delegations: Jon Rutt has been working with water & wastewater systems for 25 years and has experience in working with problems in water systems. Mr. Rutt will give a proposal as to what he will do and a cost estimate. He would like to look at our system first, before doing anything.

A motion by Dan Ewen and seconded by Brandin Jarrett to approve the expenses, as presented, was approved unanimously.

A letter had been received from Judy Becker stating her interest in serving on the Board. She has been a resident in the District for over 40 years. Gary Fredericks moved, Brandin Jarrett seconded the motion to put Judy Becker on the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the state revenue dept. stating that some assets were not handled properly when the District was set up. Gary Fredericks has taken care of this item, before the meeting. It was reported that businesses in the area and in Billings are donating bottles of water. DEQ is recommending someone attend a conference meeting in R3ed Lodge. Sandra and Rick will attend this meeting.

Operator's Report: Operator reports from Rick, Don and Sandra are on file. The past due list was not reviewed.

Bookkeepers Report: The Net Income for August was \$1107.07 and for the year \$49,694.33. The expenses were higher due to professional fees, payroll and higher repair bills. The budget was still being stretched because of repairs and payroll expenses. The sewer project loan will be approx. \$267,000.00. Gary Fredericks reported that the District had to have a General Manager and a Secretary. A special meeting will be held on Sept. 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. to work out this item.

Old Business: 1. Waudby water shut off was not completed. We need to find the water shut off first. It was noted that people are talking about putting in their own wells. It was stated that they would have to unhook from our system and this would cost approx. 4 to 5 Thousand dollars. 2. GPS program is working and will be used when time is available. 3. The lagoon force main is in except for one valve that had to be ordered and still has not been installed. 4. The district website is up and the bill paying and online accounting is being pursued. 5. Fire Hydrants are waiting for Fire Dept. action. 6. Checking meters on pumps for leak detection is waiting for company from Laurel to come down. 8. The planning grant proposal was completed and a grant from DNRC will be put in for \$10,000.00. 9. The hearing for the rate increase was held and 7 members showed up with questions. The rate will go into effect with the September billing. 10. The confidentiality agreement has been completed and waiting for two employees to sign. The board members and others will sign at the next meeting. 10. Rick took the first water test, but as of this date nothing had been heard in regards to the outcome. 11. Drinking water status was discussed and bottled water is still being offered to residents in the District.

New Business: 1. It was noted that 17 meters are not reading. Contact with Neptune will be made to see what the problem could be.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Daniel L. Krum, Executive Secretary