Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors Tuesday April 9, 2019 Alleghany Firehouse, 105 Plaza Court Alleghany

- 1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Mehrmann at 5:49 pm. Directors present: Nancy Finney, Coral Spencer, Gus Tenney and Tobyn Mehrmann. GM Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.
- 2. Closed Session A closed session was opened at 5:50 PM and closed at 6:02 pm.

The following people joined the meeting at that point: Director Robbin DeWeese, Chief Water Operator Bruce Coons and Members of the Public: Jan Sticha and Vicky Tenney

After the closed session it was announced that the Board had voted to change Edda Snyder's status from an independent contractor to an employee and that processing payroll had been added to her scope of duties. She will be paid an additional \$50 a month for a monthly salary of \$150 for handling all of the district's bookkeeping tasks.

Vicky Tenney had a question about the prevailing wage question that was also supposed to be addressed with the Labor Compliance Attorney. It was explained that employees of public entities do not fall under prevailing wage rules, additionally the previous status of "independent contractor" that had been given to the district's workers wasn't right because the district was providing their worker's compensation insurance among other things. This issue has now been resolved.

3. Consent Calendar:

There were a few corrections to the agenda and some detail was added to the Treasurer's report (revised copy attached to these minutes) A motion to approve the consent calendar with the changes as noted was made by Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese 2nd Ayes: DeWeese, Mehrmann, Finney, Tenney and Spencer Nays:0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Carried

4. Public Response Time:

None

5. Information/Discussion Items:

a) Correspondence: Incoming: None

Outgoing: Form 700s sent to the Sierra County Clerk Recorders Office.

- b) SRF Projects Update: There was a written update in the packet. Additionally, Bruce explained that the SCADA system is up and running. A dedicated phone line was added to the pumphouse to allow remote access to the SCADA system. This will more than pay for itself by allowing service technicians to log in remotely rather than driving to Alleghany. This is older technology that is built into the system. Aqua Sierra still needs to get us set up with the remote log in and provide more training. We need to find a modem for every computer that will log in. (Bruce &, Edward's home computers)
- c) Board Member or Special Committee Reports: None

d) Staff Reports:

Chief Water Operator Report: Average flow from the driven pipes at the Ram Spring 126 GPM. The high flow is causing the small tank at the spring site to overflow and Bruce has been opening a valve to keep that from happening. As part of the future construction project a pressure relief valve or overflow valve that will open during high water events needs to be installed. The worry is that the back-pressure on the driven pipes will force the water to find new channels (besides the pipes) thus undermining the flow from the pipes in the dry season.

Total finished water production for March: 320,600 gallons – still high because of some ongoing leaks. One was a customer leak and the other was the fire hydrant on Mammoth Springs Road.

Water test results absent. [reported in error, they had not been done]

- e) Historical Church/Library Report: No report
- f) Park Report: Bruce reported that he had not fixed the leak at the park yet (the water is still turned off). When he does repair it, he will install the drinking fountain at the same time.

5. Unfinished Business

- a) Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects: Six ten-day notices sent. All paid.
- b) Ordinances, Policies & Procedures and Bylaws: Nothing prepared for meeting.
- c) Insurance renewal: The renewal with flood insurance added was bound for \$4,186 which represents a \$509 increase over the previous year.

6. New Business

a) None

Next regular meeting scheduled for May 14, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Alleghany Fire House. The preliminary budget for fiscal year 19/20 will be presented for June adoption.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Rae Bell Arbogast, Deputy Secretary

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NOTICE



OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date: Tuesday April 9, 2019 Time: <u>5:45 pm</u> Location: Alleghany Firehouse 105 Plaza Ct. Alleghany

Website: alleghanywater.org

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- 1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum
- 2. 5:45 Closed Session Labor compliance expect to be done by 6 pm.
- 3. Consent Calendar
 - a) Approval of the agenda
 - b) Reading and approval of the minutes for the regular meeting dated March 12th.
 - c) Ratification of Treasury Report and bill payments for March 2019.
- 4. Public Response Time: The public may be heard before or during the consideration of any agenda item to be considered by the board, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Members of the public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, and not on the posted agenda, provided that no action shall be taken by the board unless the matter is deemed urgent by a 2/3 vote.
- 5. Information/Discussion Items:
 - a) Correspondence
 - ы SRF Projects Update –
 - e) Board Member or Special Committee Reports
 - d) Staff Reports Chief Water Operator (CWO) & General Manager (GM)
 - e) Historical Church/Library Report -
 - f) Park Report
- 6. Unfinished Business (Discussion & Possible Action Items):
 - a) Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects. Six ten-day notices sent ALL paid.
 - b) Ordinances, Policies & Procedures and Bylaws:
 - Insurance renewal
- 7. New Business (Discussion & Possible Action Items):
 - a) None
- 8. Next meeting date, Items for next Agenda & Adjournment. (Check Calendar)

Next regular meeting, May 14, 2019 6:00 pm at the Alleghany Firehouse Next meeting agenda item:

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Alleghany County Water District

Treasurer's Report March 2019 MAIN ACCOUNT				Beginning Balance \$		15,175.21
Deposi	ts					
Date	From:		For:			Amoun
3/11		Customer	Water		\$	1,393.40
3/15		Customer	Water		\$	406.61
3/26		Customer	Water		\$	898.00
					Deposits Total \$	2,698.01
Expend	litures				Doposits rotal v	2,000.01
Ck#	Date	To:	For:			
5351	3/2	Aqua Sierra	Partial Payment Tank Proje		\$	1,000.00
5352	3/2	Basic Laboratory	Final Payment Title 22 Tes	t Cumberland Pla	anning Project \$	1,002.00
5353	3/2	BioVir Labratories	Water Test Payment - Cun	iberland MPA Pla	anning Project \$	345.00
5354	3/2	Boden, Klein & Sneesby	Audit - Partial Payment		\$	500.00
5355	3/2	Bruce Coons	WTO February Bill		\$	862.82
			Contract	\$	250.00	
			Tank Project	\$	226.40	
		WTO Other Labor - \$255 tr	ouble shooting leaks rest rou	ine \$	300.00	
			Mileage	\$	86.42	
5356	3/2	Cook-Brown LLP	Tank Project Legal - Partia	Payment	\$	200.00
5357	3/2	Cranmer Engineering	Water Tests		\$	56.00
5358	3/2	HACH	Chemicals		\$	207.29
1093	3/8	Amber Mehrmann	Secretary Bill February		\$	45.00
5359	3/12	Ed Snyder	WDA February Bill		\$	396.00
	***************************************		Tank Project	\$	84.00	***************************************
			Trouble shooting Leaks	\$	210.00	
***************************************			routine work	\$	102.00	***************************************
5360	3/12	Edda Snyder	Bookkeeper February Bill		\$	100.00
EFT	3/29	PG&E	Pumphouse		\$	305.99
5361	3/29	AT&T			\$	19.32
5362	3/29	Boden, Klein & Sneesby	Audit - Final Payment	***************************************	\$	1,800.00
5363	3/29		Annual Membership Dues		\$	208.00
					Expenditures Total \$	7,047.42
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				_	Main Account Balance \$	10,825.80
				Less Cont	ingency Fund Balance \$	(4,500.00)
				PI	us Undeposited Funds \$	1,124.53
					Available Funds \$	7,450.33
NON-E	NTERP	RISE ACCOUNT (Historic	cal Church & Park)		Beginning Balance \$	8,976.20
Deposi	ts					
Date		From:	For:			Amount
					Deposits Total \$	=
Expend	litures				•	
Ck# EFT	Date 3/29	To: PG&E	For: Church		\$	9.87
	Va.		. 4/0/2		Expenditures Total \$	9.87
Report P	repared	by Edda Snyder ank Statement	ון דו בי	dina Non-enter	prise Account Balance \$	8,966.33
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State Revolving Fund (SRF) Projects Update:

For ACWD BOD Meeting Date: 4/9/19 Prepared by Rae Bell

<u>Redundancy question</u> Last month there was a question about whether-or-not redundancy (a secondary water source) is required by State Regs. Here is what our Division of Drinking Water (DDW) inspector Nick McGann had to say about it:

"The Water Works Standards, the section of the regulations regarding sources, states:

(c) Community water systems using only groundwater shall have a minimum of two approved sources before being granted an initial permit. The system shall be capable of meeting MDD with the highest-capacity source off line.

Because you are an existing system and the springs do not have any water production, quality, or reliability issues that could jeopardize the terms of the existing permit, you are not required to have a redundant source. "

So Bruce was correct: There is a regulation that requires redundancy BUT we are exempt as an existing system.

1. PLANNING PROJECT (Water Source):

Kip is looking for contractors who can do the environmental work. I finally got a copy of the check-list from the state. Basically, there is both a biological and an archeological survey that has to be done. We are trying to find individual business owners rather than firms to do the work, to keep the cost down.

Ram Spring Nothing new to report.

Cumberland Spring Nothing new to report

2. WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE:

- 1. Site preparation DONE
- 2. Manufacture of tank (offsite) DONE.
- 3. Placement and hook-up of temporary tanks DONE
- 4. Dismantle and haul away old tank DONE
- 5. Electrical power installation (PG&E) DONE Dec. 12th
- 6. Tank Pad preparation DONE
- 7. Construct new tank on new pad TANK ONLINE AS OF 11/28/18
- 8. Install SCADA system Mostly Done still working out "kinks" and ACWD staff will be trained on 2/12.
- 9. Install fencing around new tank Finished on 12/18/18
- 10. Remove temporary tanks BRCO Constructors accepted ACWDs offer to purchase both temporary tanks for \$2,500 on Nov. 28th. For now they are being left where they are.
- 11. (addition) Install customer owned power pole and electrical panel Completed Nov. 28, 2018
- 12. (addition) Install Fire Hydrant at tank site Completed Dec. 4, 2018

The change orders mentioned last month got approved. Aqua Sierra has not scheduled a date yet to install the submersible pressure transducer, the switch and plug have already been installed.

BRCO Constructors has been asked if they will provide a quote to install the "gooseneck" vent mentioned last month. We have not heard back yet. This will be another changer order.

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Alleghany County Water District General Manager (GM) Report April 2019

Reminder State Mandated Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Scheduled for May 11th 9am to 11 am at the Pike Firehouse.

Insurance renewal (old business)

Last month there was a question about who carries the insurance for the water district. Our broker is USI Insurance Services, The Carrier is American Alternative Insurance Corp. and our Policy is underwritten by the California Rural Water Risk Management Authority (RMA) which is a self-insurance pool formed under the Joint Powers Authority law. The name Memberguard is also on the policy, so no wonder I couldn't answer the question from memory!

The renewal with the flood insurance and additional coverage on the water tank came in at \$4,186 which is \$509 more than last year. It has been renewed with the check going out this week.

Money

After paying the insurance we only have approx. \$2,000 in available cash. This does NOT count the contingency fund of \$4,500 (that is NOT available for routine expenses).

The State did finally get their new accounting software up and running. They also changed the forms that we use to apply for payment. Hopefully some payments will start coming in soon.

Currently \$153,396 has been billed to the State this year, that remains unpaid (money they owe us).

We have \$145,132 in Accounts Payable (bills we need to pay, MOSTLY project related). So once again we have floated approx. \$8,000 in project expenses and once again our cash is low....

Miscellaneous

- The water rights report for the Cumberland Spring was filed timely.
- The 2018 annual usage report is due by April 30th
- Several people who had winter leaks took forms to apply for a leak reduction credit. So far only
 one customer has turned their form back in and it was approved for a credit of \$98.54