

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors  
Tuesday June 18, 2019 Alleghany Firehouse, 105 Plaza Court Alleghany**

**1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum** The meeting was called to order by President Mehrmann at 6:10 pm. Directors present: Nancey Finney, Gus Tenney, Robbin DeWeese, Tobyn Mehrmann; Director Coral Spencer had notified the secretary that she could not make it. Secretary Amber Mehrmann; GM Rae Bell and CWO Bruce Coons. Public Present: Jan Sticha and Vicky Tenney

**2. Consent Calendar:**

a.) A motion made to approve consent calendar by Robbin DeWeese, Nancy Finney 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes: DeWeese, Mehrmann, Finney and Tenney Nays:0 Absent: Spencer Abstain: 0 Motion Carried

**3. Public Response Time:** None

**4. Information/Discussion Items:**

**a) Correspondence since last meeting:**

**Incoming:** Proposition 68 survey to see if the district wants to apply for funding. (includes Parks & Recreation) response is due by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Request for nominations from the Calif. Special District Association, citation # 01-02-19c-005 from the State Division of Drinking water for failure to test for choliform in the month of March 2019. Ethics and Harrasment training certs for the directors who took the class on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Notification that the 2019 Annual report for the State Division of Drinking Water was deemed complete and timely. Notice of failure to file water rights report dated June 12<sup>th</sup>. [it WAS filed on 3/28]

**Outgoing:** Proposition 68 survey mailed to the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, thank you card to Donna Williamson for doing the Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention training on May 11<sup>th</sup>, Consumer Confidence Report sent to ALL customers including the notice about citation #01-02-19c-005 with the June water bills. Consumer Confidence Report sent to all customers and posted on the bulletin board, same with the information about the violation that was issued for not testing the water in March. Certification that this was done had to be sent to the division of drinking water as well. UPDATED emergency notification plan sent to the State Division of Drinking water, all ACWD staff and copies for board members to be handed out at the meeting. Emailed State Division of Water rights regarding the notice that they sent about the failure to file the 2018 report. Told them that it WAS filed on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**b) SRF Projects Update:** Written reports for both the cancelled May meeting and June were included in the packets. Additionally, there was a question as to why the gooseneck is so expensive. It is due to the fact that there are 4 side vents that make it up. Also, the crews that have given quotes, all work on a prevailing wage. Rae Bell is looking for a tank crew and is in the process of getting the estimates needed.

**c) Board Member or Special Committee Reports:** None

**d) Staff Reports: General Manager:** Written reports for both the cancelled May meeting and June were included in the packets. Additionally, Rae Bell reported that we received \$139,000 from the state, which was placed in the bank and partially used to pay BRCO the tank contractors.

**Water Treatment Operator Report:** WTO- Average water flow from the Ram Spring for the month of May was 112 gallons a minute. Bruce predicts that it will be about 70-80 gallons a month in the future. Bacti water test results for May and June were absent (good).

**e) Historical Church/Library Report:** The Porta Potty for the church will be cleaned after the Miner's weekend event to save money by doubling up on travel time with the museum.

**f) Park Report:** The Plaque is up, it just needs to be screwed down. There is hope that the fountain will be installed by next meeting. There is also a new sign for the bathroom at the park.

## **5. Unfinished Business**

**a) Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects:** There was one ten day notice issued, which was paid after a 48 hour shut off notice was issued.

**b) Ordinances, Policies & Procedures and Bylaws:** It was on the agenda to consider changing the meeting time. After a brief discussion the item was tabled until Director Coral Spencer can weigh in.

## **6. New Business**

**a) Memcor Unit:** Rae Bell reported that she found an online auction service for surplus equipment that meets all of the government transparency requirements. There is no cost to the district. The memcor unit was declared surplus at a previous board meeting. A motion was made to authorize the GM to list the memcor unit on the auction site and sell it if possible. Motion made by Nancey Finney and Robbin DeWeese 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ayes: DeWeese, Mehrmann, Finney and Tenney Nays:0 Absent: Spencer Abstain: 0 Motion Carried**

**b) Adoption of the Preliminary Budget:** The Projected income for this year is projected to be lower due to 56 customer accounts being used for the income projection (previous budget had 58).

Overall expenses are projected to be about \$700 more than the previous year's budget.

There are 23 extra water tests that are to be performed in September; costing approx \$376 and the insurance premium went up.

The budget projects being able to put another \$2,248 in the contingency fund at the end of fiscal year 19/20.

While on the topic of the contingency fund Rae Bell explained that for the current year that ends on 6/30/19 she won't be able to provide a recommendation for how much money to move to the contingency fund until the year is closed out. Probably that will be in August, the last tax check from the County usually arrives in July or early August and it is needed to close-out the books. Currently there is \$4,500 in the contingency fund.

A motion was made to adopt the preliminary budget as presented by: Nancy Finney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbin DeWeese. **Ayes: DeWeese, Mehrmann, Finney and Tenney Nays:0 Absent: Spencer Abstain: 0 Motion Carried**

**c) Contract Renewal for Rae Bell and Amber Mehrmann:** The motion was made to renew Rae Bell's contract with no changes by Robbin DeWeese and Gus Tenney 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ayes: DeWeese, Mehrmann, Finney and Tenney Nays:0 Absent: Spencer Abstain: 0 Motion Carried**  
The Motion was made to renew Amber Mehrmann's contract with no changes by Nancey Finney and Robbin DeWeese 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ayes: DeWeese, Finney and Tenney Nays:0 Absent: Spencer Abstain: Mehrmann, Motion Carried**

**7. Next meeting Date, Items for next Agenda and Adjournment.**

Next regular meeting scheduled for July 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Alleghany Fire House.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 7:04 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

  
Amber Mehrmann; Secretary

# Alleghany County Water District

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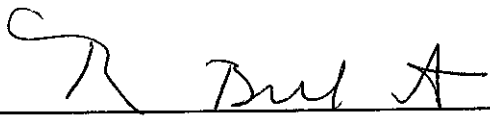
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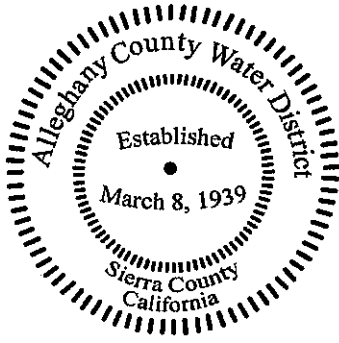
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~~Amber Mehrmann~~

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# NOTICE

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

**RESCHEDULED DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM ON 6/11**

**Date: Tuesday June 18, 2019 Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location: Alleghany Firehouse 105 Plaza Ct. Alleghany**

**Website: alleghanywater.org**

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### 1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum

### 2. Consent Calendar

- a) Approval of the agenda
- b) Reading and approval of the minutes for the regular meeting dated April 9th . Copies distributed last month. Online: [alleghanywater.org/2019-05-14-board-meeting](http://alleghanywater.org/2019-05-14-board-meeting) call or email if you need a hard copy.
- c) Ratification of Treasury Report and bill payments for the month of April and May 2019.

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- b) SRF Projects Update –
- c) Board Member or Special Committee Reports
- d) Staff Reports – Chief Water Operator (CWO) & General Manager (GM)
- e) Historical Church/Library Report -
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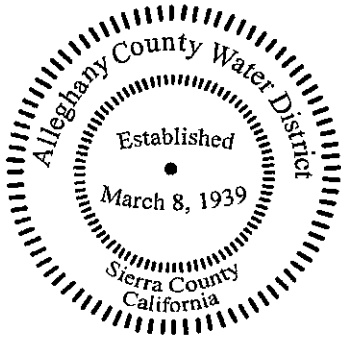
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# Allegheny County Water District

Treasurer's Report

March 2019

## MAIN ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance \$ 15,175.21

### Deposits

Date	From:	For:	Amount
3/11	Customer	Water	\$ 1,393.40
3/15	Customer	Water	\$ 406.61
3/26	Customer	Water	\$ 898.00

Deposits Total \$ 2,698.01

### Expenditures

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
5351	3/2	Aqua Sierra	Partial Payment Tank Project	\$ 1,000.00
5352	3/2	Basic Laboratory	Final Payment Title 22 Test Cumberland Planning Project	\$ 1,002.00
5353	3/2	BioVir Laboratories	Water Test Payment - Cumberland MPA Planning Project	\$ 345.00
5354	3/2	Boden, Klein & Sneesby	Audit - Partial Payment	\$ 500.00
5355	3/2	Bruce Coons	CWO WFO February Bill	\$ 862.82
			Contract	\$ 250.00
			Tank Project	\$ 226.40
			WTO Other Labor - \$255 trouble shooting leaks rest routine	\$ 300.00
			Mileage	\$ 86.42
5356	3/2	Cook-Brown LLP	Tank Project Legal - Partial Payment	\$ 200.00
5357	3/2	Cranmer Engineering	Water Tests	\$ 56.00
5358	3/2	HACH	Chemicals	\$ 207.29
1093	3/8	Amber Mehmman	Secretary Bill February	\$ 45.00
5359	3/12	Ed Snyder	WDO 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	CA Rural Water Asso.	Annual Membership Dues	\$ 208.00

Expenditures Total \$ 7,047.42

Ending Main Account Balance \$ 10,825.80  
 Less Contingency Fund Balance \$ (4,500.00)  
 Plus Undeposited Funds \$ 1,124.53  
 Available Funds \$ 7,450.33

## NON-ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT (Historical Church & Park)

Beginning Balance \$ 8,976.20

### Deposits

Date	From:	For:	Amount
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Deposits Total \$ -

### Expenditures

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
EFT	3/29	PG&E	Church	\$ 9.87

Expenditures Total \$ 9.87

As revised at meeting more detail. 4/9/19  
 Report Prepared by Edda Snyder  
 Verified against Bank Statement

Ending Non-enterprise Account Balance \$ 8,966.33

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Historical Church Balance	\$ 7,718.24
Park Balance	\$ 1,248.09

# Allegheny County Water District

Treasurer's Report

April 2019

## MAIN ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance \$ 10,825.80

### Deposits

Date	From:	For:	Amount
4/4	Customers	Water	\$ 524.53
4/4	Customers	Water	\$ 600.00
4/19	Customers	Water	\$ 913.20
4/30		Bank Rec. Adjust	\$ 0.01
<b>Deposits Total</b>			<b>\$ 2,037.74</b>

### Expenditures

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
5364	4/1	Bruce Coons	CWO March Bill	\$ 553.16
			CWO Contract (no more water trade)	\$ 300.00
			Mileage	\$ 88.16
			Tank Project Reimburse	\$ 90.00
			Other Labor (Troubleshooting, etc.)	\$ 75.00
1094	4/2	Amber Mehmman	Secretary Bill April	\$ 45.00
5365	4/9	CRWRMA	Insurance Annual Premium	\$ 4,186.00
EFT	4/22	PG&E	Pumphouse	\$ 311.40
5366	4/22	Aqua Sierra	Partial payment SCADA system - Tank Project	\$ 1,000.00
5367	4/22	AT&T		\$ 43.38
5368	4/22	Brown's Gas Co.	Propane	\$ 498.93
5369	4/22	Cook-Brown LLP	Labor Compliance Partial Payment - Tank Project	\$ 100.00
EFT	4/24	PG&E	Tank Site	\$ 43.57
<b>Expenditures Total</b>				<b>\$ 6,781.44</b>

Ending Main Account Balance \$ 6,082.10  
 Less Contingency Fund Balance \$ (4,500.00)  
 Plus Undeposited Funds \$ 1,446.84  
 Available Funds \$ 3,028.94

## NON-ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT (Historical Church & Park)

Beginning Balance \$ 8,966.33

### Deposits

Date	From:	For:	Amount
<b>Deposits Total</b>			<b>\$ -</b>

### Expenditures

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
EFT	4/23	PG&E	Church	\$ 9.53
<b>Expenditures Total</b>				<b>\$ 9.53</b>

Report Prepared by Edda Snyder  
 Verified against Bank Statement

Ending Non-enterprise Account Balance \$ 8,956.80

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Historical Church Balance	\$ 7,708.71
Park Balance	\$ 1,248.09



# Alleghany County Water District

Treasurer's Report

May 2019

**MAIN ACCOUNT** **Beginning Balance \$ 6,082.10**

**Deposits**

Date	From:	For:	Amount
5/8	Customers	Water	\$ 568.84
5/8	Customers	Water	\$ 748.00
5/8	Sierra County	Property Taxes	\$ 2,131.94
5/17	Customers	Water	\$ 1,684.00
<b>Deposits Total</b>			<b>\$ 5,132.78</b>

**Expenditures**

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
1095	5/3	Edward Snyder	Reimburse Pumphouse Supplies	\$ 24.99
5370	5/3	VOID		
5371	5/3	Edda Snyder	Bookkeeper April payroll - Gross \$150	\$ 137.02
5372	5/3	Edward Snyder	WDO April payroll Gross \$96 - \$36 on planning project	\$ 87.70
5373	5/3	Bruce Coons	CWO April payroll Gross \$504.68	\$ 428.35
<b>Gross Payroll Breakdown</b>				
\$120 tank project				
\$84.68 mileage				
\$300 contract				
5374	5/14	Aqua Sierra	Partial Payment SCADA system - Tank Project	\$ 1,000.00
5375	5/14	AT&T	Tank Project \$261.61	\$ 320.35
5376	5/14	Cook-Brown LLP	Labor Compliance Partial Payment - Tank Project	\$ 200.00
5377	5/14	Cranmer Engineering	Water Tests	\$ 56.00
5378	5/14	Ed Snyder	WDO March Bill - (Before payroll)	\$ 132.00
5379	5/14	Edda Snyder	Bookkeeper March Bill - (Before payroll)	\$ 100.00
5380	5/14	Mountain Messenger	Tank Project Big Publication	\$ 180.00
EFT	5/28	PG&E	Pumphouse	\$ 228.47
EFT	5/28	PG&E	Tank Site	\$ 14.85
<b>Expenditures Total</b>			<b>\$ 2,909.73</b>	

<b>Ending Main Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,305.15</b>
<b>Less Contingency Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ (4,500.00)</b>
<b>Plus Undeposited Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,189.90</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,995.05</b>

**NON-ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT (Historical Church & Park)** **Beginning Balance \$ 8,956.80**

**Deposits**

Date	From:	For:	Amount
<b>Deposits Total</b>			<b>\$ -</b>

**Expenditures**

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
EFT	5/28	PG&E Church		\$ 10.51
<b>Expenditures Total</b>			<b>\$ 10.51</b>	

Report Prepared by Edda Snyder  
Verified against Bank Statement

**Ending Non-enterprise Account Balance \$ 8,946.29**

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<b>Historical Church Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,698.20</b>
<b>Park Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,248.09</b>

**State Revolving Fund (SRF) Projects Update:**  
For ACWD BOD Meeting Date: 5/14/19 Prepared by Rae Bell

**1. PLANNING PROJECT (Water Source):**

It is proving more difficult than anticipated to find an individual (rather than a large firm) to do the environmental reports. Kip did find one person who we both think is perfect for the job, but he works out of state a lot, in areas with no internet service and he can't provide a quote until next month some time. He will provide an itemized list of tasks, with the cost of each task and he will do it for both springs. (A small amount of the work can be combined, such as the site visit to Alleghany for both sites).

I submitted a request to the State for a waiver of the Archeological reports last month, based on the fact that both spring sites have historically been used as part of the town's water supply for over 100 years. I have not heard back yet.

**Ram Spring** Nothing new to report.

**Cumberland Spring** Nothing new to report

**2. WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE:**

I did bill the State \$200 per month for Nov. Dec. and January (\$600) for the extra PG&E expenses related to the tank flush and SCADA malfunctions. It remains to be seen if they will pay it.

The submersible pressure transducer was installed on April 30<sup>th</sup> and it is working fine.

BRCO Constructors agreed to provide a quote to install the "gooseneck" vent on the tank. They are waiting on information from the manufacturer: Thompson tank, and should be submitting a quote any day now.

Aqua Sierra still owes us some training and we need to get the remote access dialed in. (literally)

**State Revolving Fund (SRF) Projects Update:**  
For ACWD BOD Meeting Date: 6/11/19 Prepared by Rae Bell

**1. PLANNING PROJECT (Water Source):**

Remaining budget at 5/21/19 \$142,700

The State denied our request to have the Archeological Study on the spring sites waived.

The environmental person who we think would be good will be back in Tahoe (were he lives) after June 15<sup>th</sup>. He will give us an estimate after that. He also knows a person who he thinks will do the Archeological Study for us.

**Ram Spring** Nothing new to report.

**Cumberland Spring** Nothing new to report

**2. WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE:**

The “gooseneck” vent that was mentioned in my previous report turned out to be more complicated than anticipated. A single vent in the top of the tank was determined to not be doable because it could compromise the integrity of the tank for our heavy snow load requirements. An alternative option of side vents had been figured out by the manufacturer, but the quote to install these is over \$30,000.

There is still enough money in contingency to cover this, but it will all have to be run by the State.

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## **Alleghany County Water District General Manager (GM) Report May 2019**

- The 2018 Annual Report was filed with the division of drinking water on 4/25/19 (due 4/30). It took me four hours to complete it. If anybody wants a copy please let me know.
- Currently the district has 56 active customer accounts.
- Two more customers turned in their water-leak adjustment credit form and both were approved. One account was credited \$133 and the other \$163.
- The District should put a time-limit on submitting the water leak adjustment forms. I suggest within 30 days of the bill being issued. This can be added to the Customer Service Policy the next time it is revised. While on that topic the 48-hour notice that is delivered if the 10-day notice is not paid in time also needs to be added to the policy. (We are issuing the notices per State law but have not added that procedure to the customer service policy yet.)
- The annual consumer confidence report needs to be prepared and included with the June water bills. This is another required report that takes several hours to complete. (The State adds more to it and/or makes changes almost every year) ☹️

The district ran its first payroll in a very long time for the month of April (checks issued May 3<sup>rd</sup>) This is the result of the labor compliance attorney consultations earlier this year (paid for by the State via the tank project). The following individuals are now employees (no longer independent contractors): Bruce Coons, Edward Snyder, Edda Snyder and Chris Coons (on call). The two remaining independent contractor positions are the Secretary (Amber Mehrmann) and the GM position (me).

Bruce's contract was for \$250 per month plus the water trade for a total of \$290 per month. His salary as an employee is now \$300 per month without the water trade.

After looking into the cost of having an outside firm process payroll it was decided by the board last month to offer Edda Snyder \$50 per month to process payroll (this includes all required tax filings). I am providing the software free of charge. The annual fee for the payroll software is \$650 for one to three payroll clients, so adding another client is not costing me anything extra. Edda accepted the offer to process payroll and her salary as an employee is now \$150 per month.

The other two employees: Edward and Chris remain at \$12.00 per hour (minimum wage) and Bruce's hourly rate for work outside of his salary agreement (same agreement per his previous contract) is still \$15.00 per hour with the same flat rate charges for various tasks as before.

The overall budgetary impact of these changes will be reflected in the preliminary budget which will be presented at the meeting. (I did not have time to prepare it in advance)

## **Alleghany County Water District General Manager (GM) Report June 2019**

- The Proposition 68 survey was filled in and mailed. This was on last month's agenda but since the meeting was cancelled I went ahead and sent it in. This was just to determine if ACWD is interested in receiving funds for the park from the State. I said "yes" and provided population information for Alleghany. The County did not respond to my inquiry about whether-or-not they are participating. Pliocene Ridge CSD opted out. (These are agencies that overlap ACWD) The deadline for the survey was June 3rd. The minimum allotment per district is \$200,000 but I have no idea if we will qualify.
- Payroll taxes paid by the district came in at 12% on the first payroll, not 10% as was projected. This will have a minimal effect on the preliminary budget so it was not changed.
- Last month I complained about the State mandated Consumer Confidence report because of the amount of information required to fill it out. Lo and behold: now that our water has been re-classified as ground water, the most tedious part of the report (table 8) is no longer required. 😊 It took about 2 hours to fill it out this time.
- The placard for the mosaic at the park went to the printers. It will be mounted on a rock. The county is helping with this. The goal is to have it up before Father's Day weekend. I did ask a few directors if they were OK with it and they all said "yes". I could not wait for the June meeting for approval and the county already gave the "green light".
- The museum is putting together a self-guided historical tour. I am assuming it is OK to include the Bucket Club property and the Historical Church. If not speak up.