# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors Tuesday November 11, 2019 Alleghany Firehouse, 105 Plaza Court Alleghany

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Mehrmann at 6:05 pm. Directors present: Nancy Finney, Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer; Gus Tenney was absent and had notified the Secretary that he would not be there and GM Rae Bell; CWO Bruce Coons and Secretary Amber Mehrmann; Public Present: Jan Sticha and Vicky Tenney

#### 2. Consent Calendar:

a.) A correction was made to the minutes; Added that Gus Tenney and Tobyn Mehrmann volunteered to do the weed eating; Rae Bell received a pay raise of \$25 an hour on special projects; Needed to take out the first sentence on reimbursement; and the next agenda items in last minutes were old. Public Response time was moved to the end of the meeting. Motion made to approve consent calendar with the corrections by Nancy Finney and Coral Spencer 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes: Mehrmann, Finney, and Spencer, Nays:0 Absent: Tenney and DeWeese Abstain: 0 Motion Carried

# 3. Public Response Time: None.

# 4. Information/Discussion Items:

- a) There wasn't any correspondence.
- b) SRF Projects Update: Written report in packets. There was a question about what the penalty would be if the project wasn't done in time. Rae was not sure what they would be.
- The snow shed at the tank was started; sub floor is snapped together, and the metal roof was to arrive that week. There were also two post holes dug.
- -The SCADA system burned out two servers due to the power shut offs.

# c) Board Member or Special Committee Reports: None

- d) Staff Reports: G.M. Written report in packet.
- -Rae Bell resigned from the mine office. The water district files are being moved to the church except for the files Edda needs to do the book work.
- -Amber Mehrmann approached the board about relying on the website more and making copies for the public upon request.

**CWO Report:** Bruce stated that there would be a hydrant flush on November 23. All of the water tests sent out came back clean.

- Total gallons pumped were 159,400 The spring flow GPM was 84.8
- -Discussed putting water test schedule on the website.
- -There was also a discussion of doing a special water test in light of recent events to make sure that none of the water was contaminated by the mine. The test will run about \$200. It was authorized as an urgent item and Nancey Finney will make a draft note to go in the water bills with the test results.

#### e) Historical Church/Library Report: none

f) Park Report: Made a committee meeting for the park project for Monday November 25 at 12:00. Planned to meet at the park if the weather is good.

# 5. Unfinished Business

# a) Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects:

One ten-day notice was issued in October that escalated to a shut-off notice but it was paid.

#### 6. New Business

a. Talked about pursuing a 12x16' building to house the CWO equipment as part of the Planning Project. Nancey Finney motions to persue a building Robbin DeWeese 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes: Mehrmann, Finney, Spencer, and DeWeese Nays:0 Absent: Tenney Abstain: 0 Motion Carried

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

Next regular meeting scheduled for December 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Alleghany Fire House. Next agenda items: The public will be welcome to come to meeting for discussions over concerns of the 16:1 environmental issues and possible conflicts of interest.

**Closed Session:** Meeting for closed session at 7:41 P.M to talk about an employee issue. Closed session ended at 8:01 No action was taken.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Amber Mehrmann, Secretary

# Alleghany County Water District

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# **NOTICE**

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

Date: Tuesday November 12, 2019 Time: 6:00 pm Location: Alleghany Firehouse 105 Plaza Ct. Alleghany

Website: alleghanywater.org phone: 530-287-3204

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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 October 8, 2019.
  - c) Ratification of Treasury Report and bill payments for the month of October 2019
- 3. 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.
- 4. Information/Discussion Items:
  - a) Correspondence
  - b) SRF Projects Update written report in packets
  - e) Board Member or Special Committee Reports
  - d) Staff Reports Chief Water Operator (CWO) & General Manager (GM) written report provided
  - e) Historical Church/Library Report -
  - f) Park Report –
- 5. Unfinished Business (Discussion & Possible Action Items):
  - a) Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects. One ten-day notice was issued in October that escalated to a shut-off notice but it was paid.
  - b) Ordinances, Policies & Procedures and Bylaws: Draft Bylaw revisions provided in September for consideration.
- 6. New Business (Discussion & Possible Action Items):
  - Request from General Manager for board approval to pursue portable building at Ram Spring as part of Planning Project
  - b) Closed session for employee issue.
- 7. Next meeting date, Items for next Agenda & Adjournment.

Next regular meeting, December 10, 2019 6:00 pm at the Alleghany Firehouse Next meeting agenda items:

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# State Revolving Fund (SRF) Projects Update:

For ACWD BOD Meeting Date: 11/12/19 Prepared by Rae Bell

The third-quarter reports to the State for both projects were submitted on 10/21/19. Copies available upon request.

# **Planning Project**

Budget Up to \$500,000 amount billed through 5/31/19 \$357,300 Budget remaining: \$142,700

The environmental firm contacted me in October and requested an extension on their contract to Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. I contacted the State and they were OK with that. So far no report.

# Final completion date for Planning Project 3/1/2020.

After the planning project is finished the next step is to apply for funding for the related construction project. The application process takes close to two years to complete (based on our experience to-date.)

Based on some of the questions at last month's meeting it is apparent that there is still some confusion about the planning project and the related future construction project.

The objective of the planning project is end up with a "shovel ready" project to put out to bid for the future construction project. Our "shovel ready" project will be used to determine the amount of money that we need to request for the construction project. For example, the tree removal: it will be determined as part of the PLANNING PROJECT which trees should be removed with an estimate of how much it will cost. The actual tree removal will take place as part of the construction project. The first step of the construction project will be to put the project out to bid, just as was done for the water tank construction project. I hope this helps.

#### Tank Project

Budget: Up to \$900,000 amount billed through 10/14/19 \$860,706 balance remaining:\$39,294

# Remaining tasks:

- Control Panel Aqua Sierra is scheduled to be here on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> for the installation.
- <u>Shelter for pressure switch</u> The plastic shed is on site as of 11/1/19 and Bruce and Edward are working on it.

# The deadline to finish this project is 12/1/19

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

Memcor unit, online auction status Still no bids. It is now listed at \$100 with a reserve of \$200. John Lewis has offered to take it off of our hands but says he can't pay anything for it.

<u>Petroleum oil waste clean-up at the Sixteen to One Mine:</u> Because of my relationship to the mine it does not seem appropriate for me to address this issue directly myself. I did contact Nick McGann our engineer with the State Division of Drinking water and put him in touch with the Sheriff's Dept and the Health Dept. to apprise him of the situation. He issued the following statement:

"Given the horizontal separation of at least 800 feet from the burial site to the nearest pipe in the District's distribution system, and the elevation difference of approximately 300 feet from the mine to the Ram Spring, the potential risk to the drinking water system from the known chemical bury site appears to be minimal and there are no additional samples that are required under the regulations at this time."

Nick can be reached at either (530) 224-3269 or by email at nick.mcgann@waterboards.ca.gov if anybody has further questions.

ACWD tests for petroleum by-products every six years with consistently good (absent) results; last done in May of 2016.

<u>Agenda item 6a Portable building at Ram Spring</u> As mentioned in previous reports I have discussed the possibility of putting a portable building at the Ram Spring as part of the future construction project with the State. The State gave us a preliminary "yes" on that as did the Sixteen to One Mine for the expanded space.

At this juncture I need the board's approval to pursue the portable building (or not) because the deadline for completing the planning project is March  $1^{st}$ .

The tasks related to the building that would be included in the planning project would be to:

- Survey and redraw attachment "A" of the Lease agreement with the 16 to 1 mine to include additional space on the NE side of the pumphouse (see preliminary drawing). All other terms of the lease would remain "as is".
- The district's attorney would draw-up the required lease amendment and it would be reviewed by the State as well.
- The lease amendment would then be executed as part of the planning project phase.
- Select a building and put together a cost estimate for its purchase and installation (My idea is to find some building choices that will work then let the board choose which one to go with.) As you all know, the district lacks building space so this is an opportunity to help alleviate that. The proposal is for a 12' x 16' building.

