

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors  
Tuesday December 10, 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: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, and Coral Spencer Gus Tenney and Robbin DeWeese were absent and had notified the Secretary that they could no attend. Secretary Amber Mehrmann was present and took minutes. Staff Present GM Rae Bell Arbogast and CWO Bruce Coons was late. Public Present: Vicky Tenney, Jessica Gray and Jan Sticha

**2. Consent Calendar:**

a.) Motion made to approve the consent calendar with a grammatical correction on SRF: Penalty should be plural and a discussion on the Petroleum test was added to unfinished business. Nancy Finney made the motion Coral Spencer 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ayes: Mehrmann, Finney, and Spencer**  
**Nays:0 Absent: Robbin Deweese and Gus Tenney**

**3. Public Response Time:**

none

**4. Information/Discussion Items:**

a) **Correspondence:** None

b) **SRF Projects Update :** There was a written report in the packet. The panel was installed and the shelter is finished being built.

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

d) **Staff Reports: *Water Treatment Operator Report:*** There were some issues with the CWO password to get into the computer system. There have been issues with the servers crashing; all four of the went down at once (they are still under warranty). They are looking into a possibility of a faulty part in the system.

- 70.6 GPM average spring flow for November. Pumped; 143,850 gallons; the bacti results came back clean (less than 0.1 mg/l).

- There was a state inspection of the water facility today and everything passed.

**G.M. Report:** Written Report is in the packet.

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

f) **Park Report:** The park committee will meet at a later date.

**5. Unfinished Business**

a) **Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects:** Three ten day notices were issued. All of them escalated to shut off notices. Two were paid and one was shut off at the request of the customer.

b) **Ordinances, Policies & Procedures and Bylaws:** The Bylaw revisions have been tabled until next meeting, but will be voted on whether all board members are present or not.

c) The Petroleum test was sent to the lab, but it will take a minimum of two weeks to get the test results. The test costs \$90.

## **6. New Business**

a) Rae Bell wrote a report about the issues of the conflict of interest with her position on the water board, explaining her position and how there is not a conflict as far as she knows. There was a discussion with members of the public:

Jessica Gray stated that there has never been a G.M. for the water department before. Tobyn explained that there has always been someone to manage the district, but there wasn't always an official title of General Manager placed on that person.

Jessica Gray also said that she met with Ellison Schnyder Harris and Donlan (environmental lawyers) and was told that Rae being the G.M. is definitely a conflict of interest due to the fact that she also worked (Rae has put in her resignation) for the 16:1 Mine.

The board is still unclear of whether this is a conflict of interest or not as Rae did not acquire any special financial benefits from working at the mine and being the G.M. of the water board.

The board is allotted a free one hour meeting with a lawyer to gain legal council for the district with their Calif. Special District Association membership.

- Rae encouraged the board to use part of the legal council they are allowed to look further into the laws of conflict of interest and whether she has a conflict on their own without her involvement. Coral Spencer made the motion and Tobyn Mehrman 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ayes: Mehrmann, Finney, and Spencer Nays:0 Absent: Robbin Deweese and Gus Tenney**

b.) A closed session began at 7:15 P.M.

The close session ended at 8:25 P.M. No action was taken.

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

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting will take place on January 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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Amber Mehrmann, Secretary