

**Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors
Tuesday April 12, 2022 Meeting was held at Fire Station 1 due to cold weather. (A note was put on the door at Station 2, as the agenda said station 2, but it is harder to heat)**

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Mehrmann at 6:20 pm. Directors present: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer. CWO Bruce Coons; GM Rae Bell, and Secretary Amber Mehrmann was present and took minutes. Public present: Vicky Tenney

2. Consent Calendar:

a.) There weren't any corrections made to the minutes. Nancy Finney made a motion to approve the minutes and Coral Spencer 2nd **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Vacant 1**

3. Information/Discussion Items

a) **Correspondence:** Attached with the G.M.'s report.

b) **SRF Projects Update:** A detailed report was provided in the packet.

c) Board/Staff Reports: CWO and GM Report:

CWO: Bruce reported that the total finished water produced in March was 98,980 gallons and the average raw water flow Gallons per Minute were 55.5 gallons.

- The transducer can't be moved until the investigation on the tank problem is finished. Eddie is checking the tanks every day in the meantime.

G.M.: Written report provided. Additionally, Rae stated that it is taking the state a bit of time to get the T.A. request for the tank problem investigation through the proper channels.

- The cause of the leaks and cracks in the tank must be determined by the investigation before there is anything else that can be done with the tank.

- Some plans have been provided by Thompson Tank as to how to go about fixing the tank and being able to fill it again in time for fire season.

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d) Historical Church/Library Report: Robbin stated that she would like to use some of the funds received by the library to procure a clock, water cooler, and a Library sign for the library space.

e) Park Report: The water is turned on at the park again. The water fountain has a crack in the bubbler and regulator due to a lack of insulation in the unit. Bruce says he will be able to fix it without much trouble.

- The flag has still not been put up.

4. Unfinished Business

a) **Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects:** There weren't any notices issued in March. The payment plans seem to be working.

b) **Ordinances:** There wasn't anything to discuss

c). There is still a position vacant on the board.

d) Rate: A detailed analysis of the rate study and financial analysis done by CRWA was included in the packets. There is a concern about the financial stability of the water district and the State being willing to continue funding improvement projects.

- The board decided to draft a letter to the Dept. of Finance explaining why the CRWA rate proposal is not something they can get behind. Rae was authorized to draft the letter to DFA and Nancy and Bruce will review it before Tobyn signs it.

A tentative idea was put forth for an alternative rate change. It was decided that the GM would look at the numbers again and the board would hold a special meeting to come up with a rate change proposal before the May 10th regular meeting. A motion was made by Coral Spencer to have a phone conference on April 26 to discuss the rate change proposal for the first public hearing to be held on May 10th. Robbyn DeWeese 2nd **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Vacant 1**

e) Job Descriptions: There is nothing new to report.

f) Salvation army vouchers: The customers need to initiate this, not the district. The board already approved accepting the vouchers, so there isn't anything else to do.

5. New Business

a.) Edward Snyder's hourly rate of pay does not comply with new minimum wage laws. Nancy Finney made the motion to raise his pay by \$1.00 per hour from \$13 per hour to \$14 per hour to comply with minimum wage laws effective Jan. 1, 2022. Coral Spencer 2nd **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Vacant: 1**

b) A motion was made by Coral Spencer to authorize the purchase of a heater for the library. Robbin DeWeese 2nd **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Vacant: 1**

6. Public Response Time: None

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

On the next agenda the discussion of separating Church and Library Funds.

Next meeting will take place April 12, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at Station 2

There is still a Board Vacancy open to anyone who is registered to vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 7:26 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Amber Mehrmann, Secretary