

UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

07/05/2022 Blue River Water and Sanitation Board Monthly Meeting

Called To Order @ 6:00PM

Board Members Present: Tony Casad, Melanie Stanley, Jim Parks, Josh Cloke

Board Member Absent: None

Superintendent: Al Artero

Consultant: Jason Carman (Absent)

Approval of Agenda

Melanie motions, Jim P. 2nd, All in Favor, Passes Unanimously

Public Present: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were sent to Board ahead of meeting for review, available to public upon request Tony C. motioned to accept,. Jim P., 2nd, All in Favor, Passes Unanimously.

Superintendent Report:

of active services 75

3/4 inch 66

1 inch 5

2 inch 2

3 inch 2

of inactive 9

of turn ons 2 (adjusted at meeting)

of turn offs 0

of applications 0

of installations 0

Total water produced (well meter) gals 1.96

Total meter consumption / gallons 522

Total water sales \$ 3677.28

Unaccounted for water (Loss) gals 1.38

Meters Read on the 15th 67

of meters tested and repaired 3

of leaks repaired 0

Tony, we're still making progress at least we're sticking near that 1.4 mil gal. level of loss and it's not getting any larger.

Overspending explanation: Some of the stuff that is coming in was ordered last month but didn't come in until this month. Parts that were needed to fix leaks were not really accounted for in that spending limit when it was established. Prior to the fire there was a connection that had been discussed that needed to be dealt with and we had used parts that had originally been ordered for their connection so had to order parts immediately and couldn't wait until next meeting. Tony asked if the stuff for Jerry Behm's project is included in this over-spending, yes, they are (AI), so that will mean approximately \$3000 will be coming back to the District for the outlay.

We need to make sure it's on a SOP so that there isn't any chasing it around. We need to get that taken care of soon so we can aren't "guessing".

Fire Hydrant Meter: Hose doesn't belong to us, AI will pick up later. AI has the hydrant meter so there is no meter there on the hydrant. Jim has noticed that someone is using the hose that was left, Jim said he will grab the hose, so we make it more difficult for someone if they are tapping into the hydrant.

Josh, AI can you please get an inventory together in the next week or so. We need it for the budget that needs to be submitted to the County and State for the BRWD.

Valve Repair on Pump #1: AI is going to reach out to vendor on this, the part still hasn't gotten to us.

Duplicate Keys for TAG Trailer and Generator: There are extra keys for the generator, there are no extra keys currently for the trailer. AI isn't sure where to get the keys made. Josh and Jim said Springfield/Eugene Lock and Key

Reservoir #2 Back online ASAP: The water is there but we will need to drain and clean in order to put it fully back online. If it were needed in an emergency, it could be used, but as far as for water usage it will need to be looked at for that. Jim asked if the tank has to be swum as part of the process, AI isn't sure, we need to connect with Eric @ Rainbow Water and get that process in the works.

School meter is here and needs to be installed. Jim and AI will get it done ASAP. Tony says, AI just needs to call when it's time and we will get it done.

McKenzie Mtn. Resort meter is ordered, but no ETA on when that will be received.

Jim asked are the meters that were removed repairable or scrap? They could be used in an emergency, but they are not readable. Discussion regarding them being held on to for purpose of emergency. We all agree that it would be a good idea to keep just in case especially since it took so long for the other meter to get here.

Items from Commissioners:

Commercial Rates:

Lane T. was at the Committee meeting, at the meeting they discussed that going to the 2001 rate sheet would be the best starting point. Jim said that at the meeting starting at that base rate, getting some readings once the meters have been replaced and revisiting it was the best option. Tony is still frustrated that we are still messing around with this commercial rate structure and getting it set. We need to get the information and get it put together and get a rate set and stop trying to band-aid a situation. We

really need to talk to Rainbow and try to get some more current information about current commercial rate structures. Tony's vote is to accept the rates from 2001, but he wants more information to be able to set a reasonable rate.

Tony C motions that we adopt the Commercial Rate structure as it was presented in the 2001 Water Master Rate Plan, Josh 2nd, All in Favor, Passes Unanimously.

Customer leak forgiveness: Tony C., a customer through no fault of their own had a break on their side of the line because of Contractor negligence, and it ended up causing a leak on two properties. Customer had a 71,000-gal water bill because of the break in the line that was contractor related. Rainbow has a "one-time" forgiveness of those types of bills, Tony is recommending that we forgive them \$200, they will pay a \$72.00 bill. Jim said that the people paid the bill with no argument, so that's kind of why this is being brought up. There is no president set for this, so it's a case-by-case kind of thing and is determined by each instance. Tony C., moves to forgive \$200 of their \$272 water bill in the form of carry forward credit towards future water use, Melanie 2nd, All in favor, Passes Unanimously.

There is currently someone who is saying that we should use 1-inch meters at residential installations, Tony C., is suggesting we decline any request for a 1-inch meter at residential installations. ¾ inch meters are more than enough and we have enough pressure that there is no advantage to a 1-inch meter over the regular ¾ inch installation. Al says that there is some bad information that at least a few customers are referencing as the need for a larger meter. Al does say that there may be a need for a larger meter at some of the elevations we have water customers at, so leaving some wiggle room for those type of customers might need to be an option. Tony C., says figuring out how to make better installations in the future where we provide the ¾ inch meter and the customer hooks up properly to get the pressure they need on their side. From a water conservation stand point we have to keep this. Tony C., motions that we will maintain a ¾ inch meter/hookup for all residential hook-ups from this day forward, unless specified by code or new regulations set forth, All in favor, Passes Unanimously

Water District Building: No progress, hoping to have more info by next meeting.

Chairs Report:

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was sent to Board ahead of meeting for review, available to public upon request. Tony needs to talk to Al about the Analytical Labs account and make sure there are accurate billings for the number of times he's taking tests in etc.

Al and Tony discussed the Ferguson bill and statement. There was some confusion that ended up with an address being changed, invoicing being incorrect, and there needs to be clarifications made and everything squared away.

Water Sales \$3943.00	Savings: \$216,832.00	Checking: \$19,703.00	GIP: \$109,898.00
Deposits: \$3987.00	Bills: \$8786.88	Tax Funds: \$44.00	
Insurance: \$0.00	Balance After Bills: \$10,916.12		

Josh C., motions to accept Treasurer's Report, Melanie 2nd , All in Favor, passes unanimously.

Budget 2022-2023

Tony has it mostly prepared for submittal to the River Reflections for the Public Review. We looked at it tonight as a pre-cursor.

We really need to look at the fact we've lost a decent amount of our tax base which accounts for about a \$35,000 deficit in our budget.

July 25th @ 6pm for our Budget Meeting. Melanie will post on the FB Page and Tony will make sure it's on the website

Secretary's Report:

Nothing outside regular meeting minutes

Adjourned @ 7:15pm