

UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

02/02/22 Blue River Water Board Monthly Board Meeting

Called To Order @ 6:03pm

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

Board Member Absent: none

Superintendent: Al Artero Consultant: Jason Carman, RCAC (Technical Assistance Provider)

Public Present: Geoff Turner, Elevate Technologies

Water System Survey & Project:

Jason C. was contacted by Nick, OHA Rep./Lane Co. regarding our on-site survey that's been due but had been put off because of Fire and such. Jason is willing to assist with the survey and all the on-site stuff. There will likely be some things missing and deficiencies that will need to be addressed. Jason will help get a timeline set out and set up things with Lane County and OHA to get the work completed. Josh asked if this process would help with the Sanitary District stuff with Dan Hurley, and Jason said no this would not. Tony says this will be a good thing to have finally done since it's probably not been done in a long time because he nor Melanie can recall it being done and they are the longest term on the Board at this point. Jason will get it scheduled.

Elevate Antenna on Tower:

Discussion regarding the contract and possibility of placing an antenna on the water tower to increase the capability of the signal. Josh C. explained his understanding of the communications packages that would potentially be included in the installation of this antenna and the potential profits being made off this project. Tony C., said the original project was said to be a way to help our area access free internet, but now it sounds like it's become a commercial venture so we're trying to get clarification on this and see what this looks like for us to move forward.

Geoff- listen to video to get this fully typed up

The commercial side of this venture is to help recover the outlay over the grant money that was provided to Elevate and Project Overcome. The average monthly charge for residential would be \$99.00/monthly and then go up for there depending on speed requirements etc.

The school hotspots will be unlimited data and the fastest speed available to them with the school's filtering applied to them.

Geoff explained the ins and outs of the speeds that will be available to users based on the infrastructure they are putting in place.

Tony C. asked about the antennas going up on the EWEB property near Belknap, and that the contract that was sent across initially would be unrealistic to sign given some of the wording in it and requirements in it. Geoff, effectively the contract serves to limit the area only where they need access

and where their equipment is, not to limit our access to our own equipment. The idea was to look at the original agreement and “red line” it and come to a common set of agreements that will be acceptable to both parties. Setting those agreements to include things like insurance provisions, liability protections etc. would be something that would be hashed out in the final stages.

What is the main benefit to the community by putting the antenna on the Water Tower?

Giving the community the ability to have another option that isn't CenturyLink and Spectrum, and because of the trees between the school and the downtown area the ability to “cast” the signal is impossible. There is also redundancy built into this system that the other systems don't have. Tony C., what is the benefit of the system over all the other providers that we already have (ViaSat, StarLink, Dish, DirectTv), the technology that is being utilized by the current providers is the overall ability to provide the speed as well as the redundancy that isn't provided by any of the other providers. The connections that were made during the beginning recovery processes by the volunteers that helped get internet and communications stood back up when all those large providers left our area in the dark were made these companies and these people so that is a benefit too.

Tony C. this does nothing for the Water District but create liability for little to no gain when we have all the other services already. Feels like it's a 95% good for Elevate/MRCC 5% for the BRWD so wants to know how that's not the case.

Geoff feels like the language in the contract might just need to be modified to clear that up and clarify the liability issues and make sure that the contract is very clear and helps remove the risks that the district sees.

Al, was also understanding that this was a fully philanthropic venture, so seeing that this is a commercial venture what happens when our maintenance affects the normal service of the equipment? Geoff, we take the stuff off the tower for the temporary period and then replace it when the maintenance is complete. The internet is secondary to the primary function of the Water District and that will not change, and we can make sure that's plainly stated in the contract if that's something needed for the Water District.

Jason C., definitely sees that language in the agreements would need some work. Possibly using the property maybe not connecting to the actual tower. Water Tower site has no AC power site so how will this function? Possibly magnetic mounts, will they affect any signals? Geoff, Elevate would add access if needed but can put up Solar if needed to support the equipment in the beginning. Lane Co. has some very strict tower building rules and so it might not be an option which is why it might be impossible to do that vs. setting it up on the Water Tower. Tony says we need to also check and make sure about the land lease and the sub-lease issue. Geoff will be looking at the language in the contract and see what he can re-work to make the agreement better for us.

Superintendent Report:

Has made changes to the checklist and made it more applicable to the current times vs. 50 years ago so going forward it should make more sense for everyone.

of active services 80

3/4 inch 72

1 inch 4

2 inch 2

3 inch 2

of inactive 3

of turn ons 0

of turn offs 0

of applications 0

of installations 0

Total water produced (well meter) gals 1.519

Total meter consumption / gallons 128

Total water sales \$ 3291.71

Unaccounted for water (Loss) gals 1391 Maximum daily demand Power used / Month

of meters tested and repaired 67/0

of leaks repaired 1

10 new meters installed

150,000/gals of lost water on customer sides through leaks

Repaired 2 leaks at the meter boxes

Multiple meters that need replaced, anticipate having them all done before the end of the month but hoping to have them done before the 15th.

5 meters still lost, in contact with 3 owners that are relatively certain they know where the meters are but the last 2, we are absolutely unsure where the meters are at all. May need to bring out sounding equipment.

Jim, please make sure that there are proper safety precautions in place before going in to replace some of these deep-set meters.

In the short term he can make them work but long term in rebuild they need to be addressed. Jim and Josh both feel like it needs to be taken care of now rather than later if we're already going to be messing with it once. Josh said to check with Ferguson about a top side counter for those deep meters. Tony asked how many meters will be able to read by next month, Al says 50 at least but would really like to have all 60 readable.

Tony C., How do we get this 2.2-million-gallon loss under control? Josh and Al both say that once we get things like the school meter fixed that we might be able to account for a large amount of that "loss" because we'll be able to account for it through accurate meter reading.

Clean up at Well is complete

Batteries at Water Tank are fine, the communication issues have nothing to do with those and they will be good enough to get us through Winter/Spring. Should probably look at them again come Summer and insure they are still viable. There is a smart box that seems to have been the issue, has been replaced with a “dumb box” and everything seems to be communicating properly now.

Keys/Locks: Make sure there’s time when they come in to get rid of all the old locks etc. Tony has ordered the new locks they will be 6-8 weeks out, so as soon as they get in Tony will let everyone know.

Items from Commissioners:

County has sent out the RFP for the feasibility study. Deadline is coming up towards the end of February. Once that gets done, they will start working towards the rest of the process.

Lawyer engagement needs happen in order to get the By-laws created for the Sanitary District, Tony C, sent the letter out ahead of meeting, Eileen will prepare all the documents for us and get things all streamlined for us. Jim Motions, Tony C. 2nd, All in Favor, passes unanimously.

Water District Building: All the engineering is done, design is done, will be following Lane Co. procurement process to get Bids for the building process. Jason will be helping with that process.

Safety protocols for all aspects of BRWD (working on or around water tanks) requirements per insurance policy? State? County? Will ask Jason C. and contact Rainbow Water about their protocols. AI will be making that contact.

We do have Lock Out/Tag Out procedures in place in certain areas, but we need to make sure an accurate and obvious safety protocol is in place for that. AI will also ask Rainbow Water about that to see if we can use theirs or at least get a starting point.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer’s Report was sent to Board ahead of meeting for review, available to public upon request.

Water Sales \$2796.00 Savings: \$70,822.00 Checking: \$33,952.00 GIP: \$109,584.52

Deposits: \$2796.00 Bills: \$18,045.00 Insurance: \$0.00

Alice motions to pay remaining bills and approve report, Jim P. 2nd, All in Favor, passes unanimously.

Still wants it noted that every month we’re still running \$2300.00 a month behind so we really need to get all this stuff replaced and fixed so we can get the

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes were sent to Board ahead of meeting for review, available to public upon request, Josh C. motion to Approve Minutes from Last Meeting, Alice motions to Approve, Josh 2nd, Passes Unanimously.

Adjourned @ 7:26pm

****APPROVED AT 03/02/2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****