



Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company

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Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Held at the HMMWCO Office - 1100 Friesen Drive, Angwin at 6:30 pm

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

Frank Dotzler

- Board Members Present: Frank Dotzler, Nikki Callnan, Kevin Dennis, Jesse Clifton, Craig Cazet
- Board Members Absent: Dave Wesner, Maurice Helmer
- Employees Present: Tanner Hiers, Shannon Damonte
- Community Members Present: Dick Crain

Addendums to Agenda: None

Approval of Agenda:

All Board Members

- Jesse moved to approve the Agenda; Craig second - 5 ayes

Approval May 26, 2021 Minutes:

- Jesse moved to approve the May 26, 2021 Minutes; Kevin second - 6 ayes

Public Comments:

Dick Crain re: Friesen Drive Road Use and Maintenance

- It is Dick Crain's opinion that HMMWCO should not be a leader in promoting road use and we should not get involved.
- Dick does have an issue with many of the road users (esp the large trucks and trailers) using HMMWCO driveway as a turn-around spot. There were possibilities discussed on how to prevent this such as: Signage, Curbs, Posts/Rails, Bollards/Chains etc. to keep them off the driveway. There was also discussion about safety as people tend to drive very fast by the plant. Possible safety measures discussed were signage and speed bumps.
- There has been a history of trying to get neighbors involved with this issue which proved to be very difficult due to the money involved and lack of participation and involvement of the property owners on the road. When the wineries on the road got their use permits it states how much traffic is allowed. There is no-one to police this and the County does not enforce. The problem is ultimately with the County Planning Department and the Politics. There is no maintenance or enforcement on Private Roads.

- HMMWCO needs to find out about our road easements and road use permits. Tanner's main concern is the distribution mains in the road and load limit max. He will look into the issue, check the maps in a drawer he discovered and think about the suggestions brought up tonight.

May 2021 Financial Reports:

Shannon Damonte

- Financial Reports were provided. Income was over projected budget by \$2,255 for the month and over \$13,592 for the year. General and Admin expenses were just over projected budget by \$186 for the month and under \$5,865 for the year. Operating expenses were under projected budget by \$7,138 for the month and under \$28,427 for the year.
- We are planning to have a 6-month budget review next board meeting.
- Jesse moved to approve the May Financial Report; Nikki second - 5 ayes

Customer Communications: NONE

Shannon Damonte

New Service Connections:

Tanner Hiers

- We now have a moratorium on new service connections.
- Tanner met with the Linda Falls Terrace Mutual Water Co. and we have located the pipe. He has some concerns as it cuts through the yard of the first house on LFT on the corner of their property and patio area. There is also a septic line on top of our line which is very concerning.

Report on Operations:

Tanner Hiers

Drought:

- Tanner provided a handout regarding examples of two different tier rates. He believes that the Block Budget Based will be more appropriate for our customer's as it averages each individual property's usage. We are going to use averages from 2019 as 2020 is not an accurate representation with many weeks of evacuations, high usage during the fires, covid (people home more), etc...
- We will send out a letter to all customers regarding the \$50 surcharge (only in July) and tier rates (starting in August) next week. It will have each property's monthly, weekly and daily averages that we have come up with (from 2019 in most cases). We will need to create a spreadsheet and speak with our billing program to determine how to go about implementing the tier rate.
- There was discussion regarding concerns about enforcing water wasting, policing usage and "tattletale" community members. We need to project that our only concern is for the customers to have enough water, and to benefit the customer by not having high bills and avoiding surcharge and higher tiered rates. We will not get involved with neighbors "tattling" but take note and thank them for their concern. We will contact customers with high usage and help them to reduce which will only benefit them and the community.
- The lakes are still clear although very low. The total percentage and total storage gallons are on the whiteboard. We are using both wells every day (except well 2 one day before the backwash because of air). Last year we used 5 million gallons from the wells and this year we will be using 10 million gallons. We do need to do a well drawdown test and are hoping to do that next week. We are also saving water in production and accounting for much of our past unaccounted losses. We are flushing less and accounting for water used during flushing now.

- Nikki thinks it would be a good idea to put a Waterwise banner on the place by Chevron where people hang banners. We are not sure who to ask about this but perhaps Angwin Community Council would know. We will look into this.
- **Consumer Confidence Report:** We mailed out our annual CCR on Monday, June 28th. We were able to state our issue with the Lead & Copper testing last year on the CCR as notification because notification to our customers was a requirement. We missed the 2020 Sept deadline so now have to do the testing twice this year. We did one earlier in the year and everything came back ok and will do the other by September.
- **Final Measure A Project - Task 3 - Edgemont:** Tanner was considering waiting until next year to finish this project and not depreciate it so we can be Cash Flow and Net Profit Positive in 2021. Unfortunately, with inflation it will cost more to do. Frank advised that it should be a priority to do and not put off because of depreciation concerns.
- **CALOES/FEMA:** It looks like we have been approved for about \$35,000 for fire related damages. This is 75% of the total amount (our share is 25%). We are still working on finalizing with FEMA the upgraded codes and standards for the Oak/Pine/Sunnyside/Mund main upgrade. If they do not approve it, we will then try for Hazard Mitigation Funds.
- Kevin Dennis announced that he will be moving to Florida soon and will be resigning from the board. His wife has found a job there and is there now. Shannon will contact Craig Becker as he had the second highest votes in the past election. If he is not still able and willing, she will contact Curtis Sosna who was after Craig Becker for the most votes.

Confirm Future Meetings: Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 29, 2021, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Damonte