



Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company

Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

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

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Frank Dotzler

- Board Members Present: Frank Dotzler, Dave Wesner, Nikki Callnan, Maurice Helmer, Craig Becker, Jesse Clifton, Craig Cazet
- Board Members Absent: None
- 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; Dave second - 7 ayes

Approval June 30, 2021 Minutes:

- Dave moved to approve the June 30, 2021 Minutes; Craig Cazet second - 7 ayes

Approval July 15, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

- Jesse moved to approve the July 15, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes; Maurice second - 7 ayes

Public Comments: NONE

Customer Communications: NONE

Shannon Damonte

Friesen Drive Use/Maintenance Concerns: NONE

Frank Dotzler

June 2021 Financial Reports:

Shannon Damonte

- Financial Reports were provided. Income was over projected budget by \$18,464 for the month and over \$32,056 for the year. General and Admin expenses were just under projected budget by \$558 for the month and under \$6,423 for the year. Operating expenses were under projected budget by \$3,694 for the month and under \$32,121 for the year. On July 13th I transferred \$40,000 back to savings which is now at \$250,000.

Approval of the June 2021 Financial Reports:

- Maurice moved to approve the June Financial Report; Jesse second – 7 ayes

Report on Operations/Drought Measures:

Tanner Hiers

Drought:

- Tanner believes that the conservation measures are working as usage is down. We gave out 128 - \$50 high usage surcharges and reversed 9 of those charges to date. We are getting customer's attention. We would like to get some low flow shower heads for customers with some of the high usage surcharge funds to give to people. We have been speaking with a lot of customers regarding their "averages" and making adjustments as necessary. Also, the "stand-by active" customers who only use our water during power outages, etc should not be charged the tier rate as they do not have an average since they rarely use our water.
- We have gotten a few hateful letters and e-mails regarding our surcharge. We are trying to help the customers figure out why their usage is high. Since we are interacting with customers more, we have ordered hats, t-shirts and safety vests with our name on them.
- We have ordered a water conservation banner to be put across from the Chevron. It should be here next week.
- Craig Becker suggested putting status information in correspondence to customer. He thinks it would be good to tell people that it is working, and that people will want to jump in and help conserve.
- Leaks were discussed. There was a leak this evening on Gist Road. Dennis and our operators fixed it right before the meeting. One customer on Lilac Lane has had a leak for many months.
- SH City Councilmember Eric Hall came to HMMWCO to meet with Tanner and discuss the possibility of HMMWCO working with SH City, SH Hospital and PUC water districts. His thoughts were to somehow connect all 4 districts to be able to share water and resources. Apparently, PUC has plenty of water and their wells are running as good as when they first started. It was also brought up that PUC waters their lawns and irrigates with re-claimed water.
- **Unaccounted Losses:** We are at 21% unaccounted losses. Normal is 10%. This has to do with over-accounting for production meters and under-accounting for the customers. We need to get a mag meter which costs about \$6000 for the production numbers to be perfect. We have been currently metering our flushing. The board would like to have this information and have confidence that this number is correct.
- **Boil Water Notice on Monday 8/2/21:** On Monday we found a dead rat in the Deer Park Tank. We immediately removed it, dosed with chlorine, and repaired the overflow pipe that was damaged from the fires. We contacted the State and sent out Boil Water Notices. We need to take 3 sets of 3 bacteria samples and when 2 sets come back negative we can rescind the Boil Water Notificaton.
- **Linda Falls Terrace:** This project is on hold for now. We fixed the broken pipe, but it has come to Tanner's attention that a section of the line in LFT is under a leachfield/septic line. He feels like this is a big risk for 3 customers. He would like to see Linda Falls Terrace MWC take over these 3 customers.

Confirm Future Meetings: Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Damonte