



Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Located at the HMMWCO Office – 1100 Friesen Drive, Angwin, CA 94508

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

Frank Dotzler

- Board Members Present: Frank Dotzler, Dave Wesner, Nikki Callnan (via Zoom), Maurice Helmer, Jesse Clifton, Craig Cazet, Greg Desmond
- Board Members Absent: NONE
- Employees Present: Tanner Hiers, Shannon Damonte
- Community Members Present: Kellie Anderson, Dick Crain, Mike Hackett

Approval of Agenda:

All Board Members

- Jesse moved to approve the Agenda; Craig seconded – 7 ayes

Approval August 31, 2022, Minutes:

All Board Members

- Maurice moved to approve the August 31, 2022, Minutes; Dave seconded – 7 ayes

Public Comments: (Moved up from end of meeting.)

- Mike Hackett requested that the Board remove the Bremer Will Serve Letter item from the agenda, and that the Board table it until a future meeting. He is requesting this because he has concerns regarding the Bremer's request for more usage during a "climate crisis" and drought and would like time to get more information regarding the Bremer Use Permit Application.
- Kellie Anderson also stated her concerns with Bremer's request for an increase of usage during this time of drought. She also had questions regarding the hydrant that is on their property and where the line runs through their property. She was told that it is their personal hydrant that they installed when we upgraded the line coming down the hill from the Deer Park Tank.
- There was a great deal of discussion regarding HMMWC's legal rights as a company. Bremer has an existing water right and it is not up to HMMWC to pick and choose what a certain customer/member can or can't do with the water that they have a right to and pay for. It was also clarified that the Bremer use is intended to be for the winery and homes which is domestic usage and not agriculture usage, which could be limited. As stated in the July minutes "the anticipated usage increase would be only from .74 acre ft per year to 1.42 acre ft per year which equates to be about 18,464 gallons a month or 221,578 gallons a year." We do have a Drought Contingency Plan in place, and we have to abide by that for everyone on the system.
 - Greg made a motion to remove the Bremer Will Serve item from the Agenda and table it until next month's meeting. Craig seconded the motion. 6 Ayes. Maurice was against.

August 2022 Financial Reports:

Shannon Damonte

- Financial Reports were provided.

- August 2022 - Income was under projected budget by \$360 for the month and under \$59,706 for the year. General and Admin expenses were under projected budget by \$2,302 for the month and under \$8,454 for the year. Operating expenses were over projected budget by \$6,697 for the month and under \$40,301 for the year. This is due to the delay in the production meter installation and aerator (THM removal) system.

Approval of the August 2022 Financial Reports:

- Maurice moved to approve August 2022 Financial Reports; Greg seconded – 7 ayes

Customer Communications:

Shannon Damonte

- Mick Alimpic sent an e-mail requesting that HMMWC put in \$1000 to help cover the costs of burying the above ground line on Linda Falls Terrace. He is currently in escrow on the property. The Board again stated that this issue is not going to be discussed. In the past they said they would discuss it with **the** property owner, not a potential property owner or a real estate agent.
- There was a significant leak on CLG-367. This was between billing cycles so was on two months bills. Total water for two months was \$1,803.08. Being in the tier rate, it complicates how we do the leak adjustment formula. The leak brings them into a higher pricing tier rate, so it is a greater amount of money that we need to grant them. She is a good customer and was not negligent and fixed it right away. Using the formula, it would be a \$1,200 leak adjustment.
 - Maurice made a motion to follow our prescribed leak adjustment formula and give the customer the leak adjustment. Jesse seconded the motion. 7 ayes.

Report on Operations:

Tanner Hiers

- **BRK-285 new connection:** The Encroachment Permit is \$5000 but it is a refundable deposit. Tanner does not recommend that we adopt the 1 ½ schedule 80 line.
- **Bremer Easement:** Tanner stated that it would be \$700 for a full title search. He found some information and there was a new APN # (lot line adjustment) in 94/95. He will come up with a timeline before next meeting. This item was also tabled until next meeting along with the Bremer Will Serve Letter.
- **New Employee:** Our new employee is Colby Campbell. He is from Caltest and is working out fine.
- **Lake Levels:** We are now at 58% about exactly where we were at this time in 2020.
- **DSOD Inspection:** We had our Dam inspections. We need to replace a valve in Deer Lake Dam. We were able to exercise it, but it is in bad shape. We will need to get divers and redo the buoy as it broke loose. The screens should also be cleaned once a year. Tanner will get a quote.
- **Compliance Violation:** We received a compliance violation for Sampling Monitoring. The Haa5 is subcontracted out to a lab in Monrovia, and we are supposed to have the sample results reported by the 10th of the month following the sampling. The lab took 6 weeks to complete. This was not our fault and Tanner will petition to have it removed. He will also have a discussion with the lab.
- **IFB:** We sent it out directly to 6 contractors and posted it at Central Valley, Steve's Hardware, Howell Mountain Market and on our website. The due date is Feb 22, 2023. The changes added were the Inflation Clause and Rock Clause.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Confirm Future Meetings:

- Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Damonte