



# Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company

## Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

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

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Frank Dotzler

- Board Members Present: Frank Dotzler, Dave Wesner, Maurice Helmer, Jesse Clifton, Craig Cazet
- Board Members Absent: Nikki Callnan, Craig Becker
- Employees Present: Tanner Hiers, Shannon Damonte
- Community Members Present: None

### Addendums to Agenda: 401(k)

- There are no participants in the HMMWCO sponsored 401(k) at this time. There is a small amount of funds in it from a previous employee. It was determined that rather than closing the plan and having to start a new one in the future, it would be easier and cost effective to keep it as it is. Tanner and the newest employee, Ryan, are still interested in contributing to the plan in the future.

### Approval of Agenda:

All Board Members

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

### Approval August 25, 2021 Minutes:

- Jesse moved to approve the August 25, 2021 Minutes; Dave second – 5 ayes

### Public Comments: NONE

### August 2021 Financial Reports:

Shannon Damonte

- Financial Reports were provided. Income was over projected budget by \$4,099 for the month and over \$34,514 for the year. General and Admin expenses were over projected budget by \$3,528 for the month and under \$671 for the year. Operating expenses were under projected budget by \$4,550 for the month and under \$38,856 for the year.
- The \$40,000 state loan was paid on 9/16/21.

### Approval of the August 2021 Financial Reports:

- Maurice moved to approve the August Financial Report; Craig Cazet second – 5 ayes

**Customer Communications:** NONE

**Shannon Damonte**

- Things have calmed down greatly. Bremer's issue has been resolved as well as Valerie Dalton's leak.

**Report on Operations/Drought Measures:**

**Tanner Hiers**

- **TTHM's:** We received a non-compliance violation from the state for going over the MCL on TTHM's. This is based on the running average of 4 quarters. This has been an ongoing problem for not only HMMWC but many systems in CA. In 2004 they began testing for TTHM's and in HMMWC has violations nearly every year since then. We will need to send out notifications to the customers by 10/15/21. They based it on the last two quarters of 2020 and the first two quarters of 2021. We usually have two good quarters and two not so good quarters. The drought has affected this too as we cannot flush the lines of the old water as much-combined with the lowering levels of the lakes and TOC's (Total Organic Carbon) rising (since 2018).

We have been looking into changing coagulants to reduce the organics and therefore reducing the TTHM's. We are working with our State Engineer and Representative, Guy Schott, who is doing testing, and a specialist, Chris Beebe, to determine an appropriate coagulant. We have been doing jar testing UVT/UVA to get data. Our current coagulant is old, and not 100% effective. The specialist will be coming on Wednesday to do a 6-hour run in the plant with a new coagulant. This is a process that takes a while, but we should know if it is a viable option after the test run is completed. This is more cost effective than installing an air blower/aerator/mixer system to the tank which will be \$80-90k with construction and electrical costs. Tanner will be getting a quote from PAX for this regardless of how the testing goes on the coagulant. We will still want to optimize organics removal so it won't necessarily mean that we will be able to use less coagulant.

Tanner had this issue at his last TP and put a mixer and aerator in his tank where they were forming and had a 50% reduction of TTHM's.

- **Reservoir Capacity:** The lakes are at 31% capacity. This is better than we expected as we projected the capacity to be at 18% by October. We definitely need rain. One prediction (it was noted) was that we would not get significant rain until January 2022.
- **Measure A:** We spoke with Chris Silke and it is possible we can re-route the remaining \$98k of funds allocated to HMMWC to deal with the TTHM problem (blower) or to use for OAK/PIN? We will be receiving more FEMA funds for Deer Park but it will only cover partially of what needs to be done down there. It will be better use of the funds to serve everyone by fixing the TTHM problem once and for all.
- **Linda Falls Terrace:** They are now connected. We hard plumbed a saddle and 1 ½ " schedule 80 poly to their meter. It would be easier to tap into it, if they ever decided to take over our three customers there.
- **Burgess:** Tanner has a meeting with SH Hosp on Fri to discuss Burgess with Scott Sandin and hopefully get a better idea of how much water they will be using. Tanner understands it is about a million gallons a year. Maybe we can take a look at what they used in 2019. We will need to reach a certain percentage of capacity before we can hook them up. We will have to decide on any stipulations (such as NOT increasing their use permit) and at what capacity we should be at before we do a will-serve letter for them.
- **Misc:** Tanner showed the Board the new hats, vests and t-shirts that he purchased. It gives our staff a more professional look and they can be identified when approaching customers.

**Confirm Future Meetings:** Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 6:30 pm

**Adjourned at:** 7:34 pm

**Respectfully submitted by:** Shannon Damonte