



Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 26, 2022

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

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Frank Dotzler

- Board Members Present: Frank Dotzler, Dave Wesner, Nikki Callnan, Maurice Helmer, Jesse Clifton, Craig Cazet,
- Board Members Absent: Greg Desmond
- Employees Present: Tanner Hiers, Shannon Damonte
- Community Members Present: Kellie Anderson, Dick Crain, Mike Hackett, Scott Whitacre

Approval of Agenda:

All Board Members

- Jesse moved to approve the Agenda; Dave seconded – 6 ayes

Approval September 28, 2022, Minutes:

All Board Members

- Maurice moved to approve the September 28, 2022, Minutes; Jesse seconded – 6 ayes

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

- The public comments tonight were specifically on the Bremer Will Serve Letter issue. While the community members present were free to discuss their views and concerns, the HMMWC Board will not be making any decisions regarding this issue tonight other than creating a committee to look into the questions and concerns raised by the concerned community members and more specifically stated in a letter from Kellie Anderson to the HMMWC Board dated October 13, 2022.
- Most of the concerns that were discussed from the public tonight were about protecting the water resources and limiting the water used by agriculture and/or commercial use while in a drought. One public member commented that that he objected to the amount of time and money that has already been consumed by HMMWC and the Board in dealing with the Bremer Will Serve Letter issue. Another comment was on the importance that all correspondence with the Bremer's be in writing. One suggestion was to change the by-laws to possibly limit usage and better protect the water resources while still following State and local ordinances.

Bremer Will Serve Letter:

Formation of Committee re: Concerned Community Members

- There needs to be 3 Board Members on an ad hoc committee (which would not be a quorum and would comply with the Brown Act) to look into the questions and concerns of the community members regarding the Bremer Will Serve Letter.
- The community members present inquired about the possibility of a community member to be on the committee for the opportunity to provide input. It was re-stated that the committee needs to be 3 BOARD MEMBERS.
- Nikki, Jesse and Frank volunteered to be on the committee.

- Maurice made a motion to create a “Will Serve Committee” with the 3 Board Members who volunteered above. Craig seconded the motion - 6 ayes

September 2022 Financial Reports:

Shannon Damonte

- Financial Reports were provided.
- September 2022 - Income was over projected budget by \$35,520 for the month (Lawrence and Viewridge water rights paid for) and under \$24,186 for the year. General and Admin expenses were over projected budget by \$1,262 for the month and under \$7,192 for the year. Operating expenses were under projected budget by \$6,632 for the month and under \$46,932 for the year.

Approval of the August 2022 Financial Reports:

- Maurice moved to approve September 2022 Financial Reports; Jesse seconded – 6 ayes

Customer Communications:

Shannon Damonte

- There were 3 Leak Adjustment requests. According to the leak adjustment formula and in consideration of the tier rate they would be as follows:

WCN-210 \$300.00

LLD-445 \$860.03

SKY-355 \$1963.07 - This was very significant – they turned the water off and got it fixed asap. Their total bill was \$2840.78 due to the tier rate.

- Maurice made a motion to follow our prescribed leak adjustment formula and give the customers the leak adjustments. Jesse seconded the motion - 6 ayes.

Report on Operations:

Tanner Hiers

- **Production Meter:** The production meter is now installed. We need to get the correct cartridge and integrate it to Scada.
- **TOC Levels:** In 2019 the raw water TOC levels started to raise. Because it is so high now, we are required to remove more now than ever before. A higher percentage removal rate. This is a separate issue from removing TTHM's because we could never remove enough TTHM precursor's to get our TTHM's samples below the MCL without a GAC filter. Tanner is looking at the possibilities of using another coagulant to optimize removal such as injecting calcium. Alkalinity is a concern because the coagulant needs the alkaline minerals. Ozone is also a consideration but there are other concerns with that such as contact time and other water quality and byproduct issues.
- **TTHM Removal System/Aerator:** The VFD and control panel are one their way and we are scheduled to install it on November 29 & 30th. If it is pouring rain, we will have to reschedule. It keeps getting pushed back because of the delay in getting the final parts.
- **Lake Levels:** We are now at 55% about exactly where we were at this time in 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Confirm Future Meetings:

- Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Damonte