



Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 26, 2023

Located at the HMMWCO Office – 1100 Friesen Drive, Angwin, CA 94508
Also, via ZOOM – Meeting ID: 875-994-4007 – Password: Howell1100

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

Frank Dotzler

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

Approval of Agenda:

All Board Members

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

Approval of September 20, 2023, Minutes:

All Board Members

- Jesse moved to approve the September 20, 2023, Minutes; Craig seconded – 6 ayes

Public Comments: None

September 2023 Financial Reports:

Shannon Damonte

- September Financial Reports were provided.
- Income was under projected budget by \$11,342 for the month and under \$39,995 for the year. General and Administrative expenses were under projected budget \$2,026 for the month and under \$4,742 for the year. Operating expenses were under projected budget by \$10,226 for the month and under projected budget \$72,025 for the year.
- Property taxes went up by \$2,293.70. It appears that there was a difference in “improvements” of \$337,390 from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024. Shannon will ask Bob Withrow about this and possibly call John Tutor of Napa Co.

Approval of the September 2023 Financial Reports:

- Dave moved to approve the September Financial Report; Craig seconded – 6 ayes

Customer Communications: NONE

Shannon Damonte

Rate Increases:

All Board Members

- Jesse moved to approve a 10% rate increase on water, service rate fees and new connections starting in January 2024 as well as approval of the letter to be sent out to members (with minor edits); Craig seconded – 6 ayes.

Report on Operations:

Tanner Hiers

- **Cross Connection Control Program & Ordinance:** Tanner made the amendments to our by-laws regarding the cross-connection control program and ordinance. Nikki to sign the amendment to the by-laws.

For now, we will keep things the way they are regarding the BF testing. When the state requires us to be in compliance, we will have a year and be able to go forward with a letter and site survey.

- **Deer Park Pipeline Replacement:** Piazza Construction met with Napa County and there was some discussion regarding “monuments” that the County is concerned about. They are ready to start as soon as the County will give them a date for the encroachment permit.
- **THM Removal System:** Hans Smith Construction will be here on Monday. He was out on vacation in early September and then the electrician was on vacation until the end of September.
- **Misc:**

Firewise has requested that we write a letter endorsing their services. They helped us with some trees on Champion that were going to come down on our line and they are planning on doing work in the watershed next year.

There were two leaks in the last two weeks on GDW and TBN. We did a repair on HMT/LKN that needed be done before the rains.

Tanner is considering burying a portion of the above ground pipe on STR near DPK-1180 with dirt. It was suggested that he find other options as the erosion of that soil could be a problem.

- **Lake Levels:** The lake levels are at 73% as of last Wednesday. From this point onward we will run the wells everyday until the lakes spill.

Confirm Future Meetings:

- **Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 6:30 pm**

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Damonte