



# Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company

## Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 29, 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:** 6:32 pm

**Frank Dotzler**

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**All Board Members**

- Jesse moved to approve the Agenda; Dave seconded – 5 ayes

**Approval of October 26, 2023, Minutes:**

**All Board Members**

- Jesse moved to approve the October 26, 2023, Minutes; Nikki seconded – 5 ayes

**Public Comments: None**

**October 2023 Financial Reports:**

**Shannon Damonte**

- October Financial Reports were provided.
- Income was under projected budget by \$1,781 for the month and under \$41,775 for the year. General and Administrative expenses were under projected budget \$590 for the month and under \$5,332 for the year. Operating expenses were under projected budget by \$3,762 for the month and under projected budget \$75,787 for the year.
- Property taxes went up by \$2,293.70. This is the response I received from Jonathon De Witt at the Napa County Assessor's office:

“During our call I had explained the primary reasons for the increase from last year's property tax bill; specifically, the newly acquired equipment from calendar year 2022 which was reported to us for the first time on Schedule A1 of your 2023 571-L property statement totaling \$124,274. Also, we picked up the full amount of the cost reported to us in column A1 from acquisition year 2014 totaling \$761,550, which we erroneously hadn't picked up the full amount from the previous year. These two factors together are what essentially caused the property tax bill to increase by approximately \$2,000.”

**Approval of the October 2023 Financial Reports:**

- Dave moved to approve the October Financial Report; Jesse seconded – 5 ayes

**Customer Communications/Public Comments: NONE**

**Shannon Damonte**

**2024 Board Elections:**

**All Board Members**

- Terms ending: Frank Dotzler and Maurice. Both have declined to run for another term.
- Jesse volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Dave nominated Greg Desmond to be on the nominating committee.
- It was agreed that it will be difficult to fill these two vacancies.

**Report on Operations:**

**Tanner Hiers**

- **THM Removal System:** The electrical is done. The central box on the top of the tank needs a boom truck to make the last connection which will be done on Saturday.

From there we will send pictures to the project manager, and they will want 2 weeks-notice to schedule the start up and a training followed by testing for the 60% removal guarantee.

- **Deer Park Pipeline Replacement:** Piazza Construction is having trouble getting the permit to start the project. They have had to resubmit the plans as the county is being very specific about pipe placement. They are resubmitting them this Friday.

They are bound to the contract and if materials cost more, they can resubmit the costs and we could get reimbursed. When we spoke to them, they said we could pay them in increments.

- **Lake Levels:** The lake levels are at 75% as of last Wednesday.
- **Misc:** We had issue with the air compressor in the plant. The belt is on a fan and there were rodents that got inside, and two blades were broken off of the fan so it was off kilter. We had Wine Country Compressors come out and we had him cut off the other blade so it wouldn't be off kilter and we are going to order another fan.

**Confirm Future Meetings:**

- **Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 24, 2023, 6:30 pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Damonte**