

FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #101

POB 1141, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

*** Agenda July 5th Meeting ***

General Meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:22pm.

Harold Herman to say, "As President, I hereby call to order this General Meeting for FCWD #101 held this July 5th 2017. Directors present include Harold Herman, President, Russ Barnett, Naomi Einarson and Aaron Anderson, Vice President."

Also present were Matt Nerdig, A2Z Engineering, Mike Rowe, Certified Water Operator and Lloyd Bondy.

- II. Operator's report:

Bad leak from motors not being bolted down properly.

Inspections occurring daily, Mike was impressed and no citations.

Scheduling flushing to reduce user complaints.

- III. Financial report.

Secretary provided current financials and including aging account report.

Profit & Loss:

Gross Profit: \$89,844.34

Total Expenses: \$64,296.88

Net income: \$24,915.55

Balance Sheet:

Glacier Checking Acct: \$11,989.94

Loans & Grants Acct: \$3000.00

Glacier Bank should have created an additional asset replacement account and each month, \$200 should be transferred to that account.

- IV. New business.

1. It has been publicly noted that the FCWD #101 Board has applied for USDA Rural Development loan/grant funding pay for a Preliminary Engineering Report to identify and prioritize necessary improvements for the District's water system.
 - a. The funding has been received by Rural Development; Board received the Letter of Conditions that must be met before the funds can be awarded.
 - b. 30 minutes is now allotted for discussion and public comment. No public in attendance.

2. TSEP funding:

- a. Matt to provide update about extension of TSEP planning grant to coincide with the SEARCH grant funds being issued, for use with the Preliminary Engineering Report. Deadline for TSEP funding is approaching, need the Board to seek an extension to that funding.

Russ made a motion that the Board request the TSEP funding deadline to June 30, 2018 on recommendation of Matt Nerdig for the date. Harold seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Tina to draft a letter for Harold to forward requesting the extension of the funding deadline.

- b. Discussion of additional funding opportunities: Treasure State Endowment Program accepting applications for 2019 grants.

District cannot pursue additional TSEP funds until we have the PER. Will have to wait for that to be finished before moving forward on additional TSEP applications. TSEP is state funding (whereas Rural Development / USDA is federal).

3. Update (by Matt) on water rights and switching all claims to a decree by deadline of June 2017. Has deadline been extended?

At this point, all documentation is in, and we are awaiting further word from DNRC. No new deadline yet. As further explanation, this has nothing to do with the wells, it is a DNRC process for clearing up old claims that they have been working on for years.

4. Discussion of delinquent accounts.

Board discussion about the effectiveness of cutting off water service to customers for unpaid bills, or adding to a tax lien.

We haven't had any real response or action to the 30-day notices.

Also discussed a sort of fact book for the District, listing every house, every hook up and pictures of each property. The issue right now is that we don't have Assessor numbers for all. We do have customer list to start with and lot numbers.

Per Mike Rowe, in other districts, having a main client book with owner info and contact number is routine.

Harold made a motion that delinquent accounts be turned in to the Tax Assessor. Russ seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion regarding application form for water hook ups. Harold has new form (with the changed fees) for those that may need it.
- V. Old business.
1. Status of loan payments to be made; first payment due August 1, 2017.
 2. Status of payments owing to Streeter for tank house meter.
 - i. Last paid in May. Next payment should be at beginning of August 2017.
 3. Discuss letter to property owners regarding election votes and drafted message to be distributed before May 2018 elections.
- VI. Correspondence.
- No correspondence to discuss.
- VII. Public comment.
- No public in attendance.
- VIII. Questions and answers with District staff.

Brief discussion with Mike Rowe about ME labs and credit on account. Testing is prepaid - and we will have more tests coming due. How much credit left? Harold will call on credit left.

--President announced the next General Meeting of the Board is to be held on August 1st 2017, 7pm, at the Badrock Fire Department.

- IX. Adjournment. 8:04pm
- President to say, "This completes our business for this July 5th General and Public Meeting. This meeting is now adjourned."