

FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #101

POB 1141, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

*** Meeting Minutes - September 5, 2017 ***

General Meeting:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call.

Directors present include President Harold Herman, Vice President Aaron Anderson, Russ Barnett, Brian Rohletter and Naomi Einarson.

Also present were Mike Rowe Certified Water Operator, Matt Nerdig, A2Z Engineering and Tanya Brothwell filling in for Board Secretary Tina Bondy.

II. Reading and approval of the minutes from previous meeting. Motion to approve Minutes from August 2nd meeting made by Harold, seconded by Brian, all voted in favor.

III. Operator's report by Mike Rowe. Calm month, reports came back clear, 12 samples. No repairs needed all looks good. Water usage up, doubled, mostly due to sprinkler usage.

IV. Financial report.

Gross Profit: \$91,281.28

Total Expenses: \$69,186.83

Net Income: \$19,312.02

Balance Sheet

Glacier Checking Acct: \$6663.55

Loans & Grant Acct: \$3000.00

Emergency Repair / Asset Replacement Acct: \$4372.25

Total Accounts Receivable: \$2266.51

Total Assets: \$16,302.31

Additionally, 1099s from all Board members need to be provided to Eclipse.

V. New business.

1. SEARCH Grant status update. Almost there. Still in progress.
2. Discussion of delinquent accounts / tax liens. Two parties still unavailable and unpaid. One promised payment but payment has not been received yet. May be necessary to shut them off. Notices may go out

with shorter grace period. Tenants may be able to pay bills in place of Landlords.

Motion made by Russ Barnett, to shut off water services within 3 days of a deadline if not paid for the remaining 2 properties: Sweeney and Piland.

Motion seconded by Harold. Note that Notice will be provided first.

3. Matt Nerdig to provide update on PER in progress.

Percentages still not clear. Example 45% Grant 55% Loan, no decision to be made without application. Matt provided blueprints to all Board Members. First would be a more traditional system. This would mean huge costs, potentially \$750,000. Better solution would be using existing stations and making fire connection, also, downsizing mains. He believes this would be a better option for the community and less expensive.

Looking at approximately \$300,000 \$350,000. Loans are 40-year loans, 2-2.5% reserve.

Discussion about the possibility of moving new tanks to Board owned property. Current system needs to be replaced as it's damaged and leaking. Discussion about possible new well locations. Conflicts-drain fields. Multiple sources of funding. PER is targeted at Rural Development.

New storage tank needs to be addressed and relocated. Mains are a priority. Cost for a public well is on average \$40,000, because of the way they must be sealed.

Question to the Board, how far do we want to go? The whole PER needs to be addressed and discussed. Project cannot cause rates to rise. Multiple funding sources are available through the government.

Board asked Matt to show a bigger picture of all the projects that need to be done and those costs. Pluses and minuses for all.

Matt will bring those figures to the next meeting. Plans for this district, New Storage, New Mains, New Meters, and a New Well. Big questions are fire hydrants versus tender fill up stations. More discussion should be done with Fire Department. Chief's insight is needed.

VI. Old business.

1. Status of loan payments to be made; next payment due February 1, 2018.

Two payments made, instead of one.

2. Status of payments owing to Streeter for tank house meter.

- i. Last paid in May. Next payment should have been at beginning of August 2017. We did get Ms. Streeter's info for the last quarter, our portion totaled: \$436.66.

3. Discuss letter to property owners regarding election votes and drafted message to be distributed before May 2018 elections.
4. Update on water rights and switching all claims to a decree by deadline of June 2017. No change in the status. Submitted to DNRC but haven't heard anything yet.

VII. Correspondence.

President to ask Directors, "is there any correspondence to discuss at this time?" What is going on with easements. Asked by Aaron Anderson. Should be done. District not to serve outside the district, once signed then recorded by county.

Lee Morris complaint, read by Harold. Summary of complaints: bad water service, little pressure, billing incorrect and cancer from water.

VIII. Public comment. No comment.

IX. Questions and answers with District staff.

Discussion of hooking up houses to new system. Owner operator responsible for connection to house from meter pit.

President announced the next General Meeting of the Board is to be held on October 3rd 2017, 7pm, at the Badrock Fire Department.

X. Adjournment at 8:50pm.

President stated "This completes our business for this September 5th General Meeting. This meeting is now adjourned."