

FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #101

POB 1141, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

*** Minutes January 2nd Meeting ***

General Meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:20pm.

Harold Herman to say, "As President, I hereby call to order this General Meeting for FCWD #101 held this January 2nd 2018. Directors present include Harold Herman, President, Naomi Einarson, Aaron Anderson, Vice President, Russ Barnett, and Brian Rohletter. Also present, included Shane Pierson, Certified Water Operator and Tina Bondy, Board Secretary (by telephone).

- II. Operator's Report by Shane Pierson.

The documents changing the CWO to Shane have been submitted to the DEQ.

Shane discussed a list of water tests that will be due, including future monthly tests \$25, Nitrate test (to be done in February) \$22/annual and lead/copper \$30 a test (\$15 apiece). The lead/copper tests must be done at 5 households, spread across the system with build dates between 1968-1978 and having original plumbing. These will be due by the end of June. This test is required every 3 years.

Water readings were taken on December 17 and January 2, in the space of 15 days, looking at 782700 gallons of water used, which seems excessively high, at approximately 52,180 gallons a day. Discussion about this and the possibility of draining the storage tank with a major leak. 535K gallons a month is what we should be averaging.

Further discussion about the Gordon Avenue pump, and the possibility of installing an hour meter on the pump, which would give an indication of how long the pump is running. The estimated cost for parts is around \$100, and with an electrician to install it, still looking at around \$200.

Harold made a motion to get the hour meter installed.

Naomi seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- III. Reading and approval of the minutes from previous meeting.

Secretary reviewed the minutes from the December 5th meeting with the Board. Harold Herman made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as read. Aaron Anderson seconded and all voted in favor.

IV. Financial report.

Secretary was not able to access the current financials due to the Accounting Firm relocating and moving servers. Secretary will provide post-meeting to Board members via email.

V. New business.

1. Status of PER. Matt and Rob both plan to be at the February meeting to give the Board an update.
2. SEARCH Grant status update, Tina to follow up with Lyle at Rural Development to get next steps.
3. Annexation letters status update. Tina sending letters to Harold, with return envelopes to customers.
4. Discussion of delinquent accounts / tax liens.

VI. Old business.

1. Status of loan payments to be made; next payment due February 1, 2018.
2. Status of payments owing to Streeter for tank house meter.
 - i. Paying quarterly this month. paid in Sept 2017. Next payment will be March.
3. Discuss letter to property owners regarding election votes and drafted message to be distributed before May 2018 elections. Both Harold and Russ' board positions are due for reelection in May. There is a form that will be due at the end of February for both, if they are planning on staying on the Board.
4. Water rights decrees. Information timely filed. Awaiting update on status.

VII. Correspondence. No correspondence to discuss.

VIII. Public comment. No public in attendance.

IX. Questions and answers with District staff.

Harold made a motion that FCWD#101 donate \$100 to the Badrock Fire Department as a gift/thank you for letting us use their meeting space. Brian seconded and all voted in favor.

Discussion about potentially marking the pumps due to snow and in an effort to keep them from getting hit by the snowplows. Discussion about whether to use extension flags as they due in Martin City, according to Shane.

--President announced the next General Meeting of the Board will be held on February 6th 2018, 7pm, at the Badrock Fire Department.

X. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

--President to say, "This completes our business for this January 2nd General Meeting. This meeting is now adjourned."