

FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #101

POB 1141, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

*** Meeting Minutes August 6, 2019 ***

General Meeting:

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call.
 - a. Called to Order at 7:15pm
 - b. Directors present: Harold Herman, President, Russ Barnett, Vice President, and Brian Rohletter
 - c. Also present: District Customers Mr. and Mrs. Norm Nunally, Shane Pierson, Certified Water Operator/General Manager, Tina Bondy, Board Secretary (by telephone)
- II. Minutes: Reading and approval of the July 2, 2019 minutes.

Secretary reviewed the Minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting. Harold Herman made a Motion to accept the Minutes as Presented; Brian Rohletter seconded the Motion and all voted in favor.
- III. Time for Public Comment and Discussions.

During the Time for Public Comment, Mrs. Nunally approached the Board to discuss the layout of the monthly water invoices. There is no place that connects the name with the account number, there's no place on the invoice that includes an invoice number, and no property address. Further, the invoice does not show where the last month's bill was paid (or unpaid).

Discussion with the Board that there are only 66 residential properties, so without this information, we still are able to keep track of who paid what. But appreciate her comments and suggestions and will talk with the accounting firm that prepares the FCWD #101 monthly bills, to see about this. Also advised Mrs. Nunally that with the system improvement project, each property will have a meter, and that information should be incorporated into the monthly bill as well.
- IV. New business:
 - a. Matt Nerdig, A2Z Engineering - Engineering Update on System Improvement Project / ETA on Bid Process

Because Matt did not attend the meeting this month, Harold provided a brief update of the project status. Advised the Board and those in attendance, that the DEQ had approved the plans and specs for the

project, that the Board is now just waiting on Rural Development out of Bozeman. Once we get that, we can get ready to go to bid for the project.

Discussion with the Board about whether or not to hold off on starting the main part of the construction with this project until spring at this point. Given the unpredictability of the weather, and if we get weather delayed, will increase costs; all of the money allocated for this project will be necessary for the project itself, and we can't afford significant, and avoidable overruns.

Further discussion about the water pumps that are starting to fail, and whether we can obtain a rebuilt one to use, or if we go and buy a new pump, and then see about getting reimbursed from Rural Development, as the new pump is within the scope of the project.

Shane agreed to get some specs for a new pump and get ahold of Matt with that, to get pricing. Further discussion that Shane can install the pump, but will need electrician for wiring, though Harold said he could do the wiring.

Will look to the next meeting to continue the discussion and vote about the new pump and vote whether to push construction to spring.

Further discussion that if we do push the construction out, we need to update the district customers.

b. Future Water Rates

- i. Resolution drafted by Bond Counsel – this will not be needed until after the bids are collected. So the FCWD Board is holding off on this.
- ii. Upcoming General Public Meeting
 1. Scheduling
 - a. Holding off scheduling this as well until we get ready to get the bids back.
 2. FAQ Sheet
 - a. Discussion about the proposed frequently asked questions, and the proposed responses to the same.

V. Old business

- a. Shut Off Notices for District – new notices have come in and Shane will begin using.
- b. Commercial Business Update
 - i. Vacant Commercial Lot – There has been no change of owner on the county records. Russ will try to call the Trennerys (former owners).
 - ii. New Commercial Customers – Shane has tried several times to go by the A&W and catch the owner, with no luck. Discussion with the Board members as to Brenda Mattson, the owner's daughter,

who also works there and can possibly put Shane in touch with her father.

VI. Operator's report provided by Shane Pierson.

Meter readings for this month were taken on August 6, 2019. 998041 for Well 1, and 500,000 estimated for Well 2 and a total of 1,720,400 gallons for the month.

There was one call to Shane this month about the water and lack of pressure. Shane flushed the nearest hydrant and we have had no further contact from this customer. Not a lot of anything came out of that flushing, though.

Water test was satisfactory.

\$368.82 was the electric bill for the past month.

VII. Financial report

Secretary provided financial reports as of August 5, 2019.

VIII. Correspondence - Discussion of any correspondence received by the FCWD Board.

- a. Campbells sent a letter regarding their water pressures. Harold and Shane will go see them. Complaining it's taking 3 minutes to fill up a gallon jug, both sides are not getting much water. Discussion also about whether it's a service line issue or a water service issue.

IX. Additional items for discussion

- a. Brief discussion about who can vote on the District items, and whether there's a way for the renters to be involved.

X. Adjournment at 8:20pm

Next General Meeting of the Board is scheduled on September 3, 2019, 7pm, at the Badrock Fire Department.