

**Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors
Tuesday December 13 2022 Meeting was held at the Alleghany Firehouse and over phone**

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Mehrmann at 6:14 pm. As the first item of business the Secretary administered oaths of office to: Robbin DeWeese, Tobyn Mehrmann and incoming new board member Brianne Price filling the unfinished term of past director Gus Tenney.

Directors present: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney (by phone), Robbin DeWeese, Brianne Price and Coral Spencer (by phone) CWO Bruce Coons; GM Rae Bell. Secretary Amber Mehrmann was present and took minutes. Public present: Keiran Mehrmann

2. Consent Calendar:

Motion was made to approve the consent calendar by Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer 2nd.
.Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese, Brianne Price and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Information/Discussion Items

a) **Correspondence:** Provided in writing on GM report. Additionally the Secretary mailed the library lease to the County.

b) **SRF Project Update:** It is in writing.

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c) **Board/Staff Reports: CWO and GM Report:**

CWO: Bruce reported that the total finished water produced in June was 135,220 gallons and the average raw water flow Gallons per Minute were 58 gallons.

~ The pipes have been cleaned out.

~The park and cemetery water sources are shut off and drained

~ Bruce has been doing some research on equipment; he has been looking for affordable water floats for the back-up tanks and also a transducer in anticipation of needing to take the big tank offline for repairs or replacement.

G.M.: There was a written report. Rae also stated that the state is considering hiring a new company to analyze the sealant in the leaking tank.

d) **Historical Church/Library Report:** Nothing to report.

e) **Park Report:** The water is shut off.

4. Unfinished Business

a) **Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects:** Rae is working with customers to help them get caught up.

b) **It is super exciting to report that the vacancy on the board is now filled by Brianne Price.**



5. New Business

a). There is not any new business at this time.

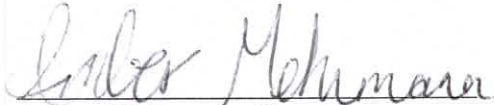
6. Public Response Time: None

7. Next meeting Date, Items for next Agenda and Adjournment

Next meeting will take place January 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Firehouse 105 Plaza Court and by phone for the convenience of those who can't attend in person.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 6:33 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted,



Amber Mehrmann, Secretary

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Signed under penalty of perjury: X


Amber Mehrmann



NOTICE

OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date: Tuesday December 13, 2022 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Fire Station 1, 105 Plaza Court

and by conference call. Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5144 Access code: 6919768#

All meeting documents available online: alleghanywater.org

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1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum OATHS OF OFFICE Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese and Brianne Price! 😊

2. Consent Calendar

- a) Approve agenda
- b) Reading and approval of the minutes for the regular meeting dated November 7, 2022.
- c) Ratification of Treasury Report and bill payments for November 2022.

3. Information/Discussion Items:

- a) Correspondence –
- b) SRF Projects Update –
- c) Board/Staff Reports – Chief Water Operator (CWO) & General Manager (GM)
- d) Historical Church/Library report –
- e) Park report

4. Unfinished Business (Discussion & Possible Action Items):

- a) Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects:
- b) Ordinances, Policies & Procedures and Bylaws: nothing prepared for meeting

5. New Business (Discussion & Possible Action Items):

- a) None.

6. Public Response Time: The public may be heard before or during the consideration of any agenda item to be considered by the board, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Members of the public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, and not on the posted agenda, provided that no action shall be taken by the board unless the matter is deemed urgent by a 2/3 vote. Per the district's bylaws: complaints about board members or district staff are to be submitted in writing (not to be aired at meetings).

Next regular meeting date January 10, 2023. Agenda items: Appoint Officers

7. Adjournment.

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Allegheny County Water District

Treasury Report

November 2022

MAIN CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance \$ 16,611.15

Deposits

Date	From:	For:	Amount
11/15	Customers	Water Sales	\$ 1,494.90
11/21	Customers & Insurance Refund	\$150 Water Sales, \$967.22 Worker's Comp. Refund	\$ 1,117.22

Deposits Total \$ 2,612.12

Expenditures

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
5748	11/4	Bruce Coons	CWO October Bill - Gross \$376.05	\$ 309.10
5749	11/4	Edda Snyder	Bookkeeper October Bill - Gross \$200	\$ 184.70
5750	11/4	Edward Snyder	WDO October Bill - Gross \$232	\$ 214.24
5751	11/14	AT&T		\$ 45.13
5752	11/14	Cranmer Engineering	Water Tests	\$ 150.00
1140	11/18	Postmaster	Documents mailed to auditor	\$ 17.05
EFT	11/25	PG&E	Pumphouse	\$ 185.57

Expenditures Total \$ 1,105.79

RESERVE FUND WATER OPERATION	
Contingency Fund	\$ 14,500.00
Equip. Maint. Fund	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,500.00

Ending Main Account Balance \$ 18,117.48

Less Reserve Fund \$ (15,500.00)

Plus Undeposited Funds \$ 1,876.10

Available Funds \$ 4,493.58

NON-ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT (Historical Church, Library & Park)

Beginning Balance \$ 9,507.08

Deposits

Date	From:	For:	Amount
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Deposits Total \$ -

Expenditures

Ck #	Date	To:	For:	Amount
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Expenditures Total \$ -

Report Prepared by Edda Snyder

Verified against Bank Statement

Ending Non-enterprise Account Balance \$ 9,507.08

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Historical Church Balance	\$ 5,892.00
Library Balance	\$ 1,493.05
Park Balance	\$ 2,122.03
Balance	\$ 9,507.08

Ram Spring Improvement Project ~ State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project
Report for ACWD BOD Meeting Date: 12/13/2022 Prepared by GM Rae Bell
NEW INFORMATION HIGHLIGHTED

This project is related to the planning project approved for funding by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Finance (SWRCB,DFA) in 2015 and completed in 2020. The planning documents (plans and estimates) are approximately 90% complete. The remaining planning work will be the first phase of this project after the application process is completed.

PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET: \$745,000. Coleman Engineering has revised the budget and I still need to add ACWD's expected expenses and Kip's charges for the work that he did in-between funding agreements. Based on what we have so far the budget will be a little over 1.5 million.

There are four application packets that must be completed to apply for funding: General, Financial, Technical and Environmental.

- The General application packet with all attachments was submitted on 4/25/2020
- The Financial application packet with all attachments was submitted on 5/5/2020 with revisions done in February 2022. The entire budget is being revised as noted above. This will be a revision to the Financial application.
- The Technical Packet is almost done. The remaining item for the technical packet was a draft contract for engineering services. With ACWD's selection of Coleman Engineering, we have all the pieces of the technical packet. Once I sign the contract as reviewed by ACWD's attorney it will be uploaded.
- The Completed Environmental packet was reviewed by the State and was submitted in October 2021. This is being covered by a Technical Assistance (TA) Request. The permit fees have been paid by the SWRCB as part of the TA request. Environmental permitting work is ongoing.

Disclaimer "Funding for these projects has been provided in full or in part through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the foregoing, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use."

ACWD General Manager (GM) Report December 2022

Prepared by Rae Bell Arbogast

Correspondence

Incoming: Application for vacant board seat, sent to Sierra County Clerk-Recorder.

Outgoing: Copy of adopted budget for Fiscal Year 22-23 sent to Sierra County Auditor Van Maddox and posted on website, Signed Audit engagement letter sent to Boden, Klein & Sneesby,

Many back-and-forth emails related to the Engineer Selection process, the SRF application, and the tank problem.

GM REPORT

- **WATER TANK PROBLEM.** See Dec. 5th Customer update, additionally we had a meeting with the TA Request group on December 8th. It sounds like the State is going to hire a different inspection company to examine the problem with the sealant and to also provide an opinion about who is responsible. In the meantime, I will be working with ACWD's attorney and Chad Coleman to put together a warranty claim letter to send to the contractor. The existing reports will be used at this stage.
- **CONTRACT FOR SERVICES COLEMAN ENGINEERING** As reported last month, we all forgot to have ACWD's attorney review the contract before I signed it. I sent a copy to the attorney shortly after last month's meeting and she did have a few suggested changes. Coleman Engineering was very accommodating, and they re-wrote the contract adding her suggestions. I should be signing it and sending it back on Monday the 12th. (Got it last Wednesday and have been too busy to sit down and read it) The attorney did review the new version and said that it is "good to go".
- **Low Income Utility Assistance Program:** FINALLY, ACWD is set up for this program. Currently we are the only utility in Sierra County that is signed up. The program currently only covers amounts in arrears, but I have been told by the Project Go staff that soon they will be able to help with current bills as well. ACWD has been reluctant to shut-off water services knowing that this program was going to be available, but if customers do not make the effort to sign-up we might have to get more assertive about shutting off services. There is NO EXCUSE for not paying water bills now.

Notes on specific agenda items

PENDING ITEMS:

- Heater for historical church – no report
- Job description adoption – emailed copies to Coral in August, nothing else to report



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Customer update December 5, 2022

Status of water tank repair

For background information please refer to previous updates now posted online at <https://www.alleghanywater.org/customer-updates> This page can also be found by going to the Customer Service Page linked on the homepage.

As reported in July, the on-site tank inspection by CSI and California Rural Water Association (CRWA) was conducted on June 3rd.

There are two major problems with the tank: 1. Corrosion of the interior metal shell and bolts and 2. Uncured interior sealant material.

The subcontractor who built the tank: Thompson Tank took a set of sealant samples last January. ACWD obtained a duplicate set of samples which was given to CSI during the June inspection.

ALL summer ACWD followed up with CRWA on the status of the pending inspection report. CRWA was waiting for the report from CSI which evidently was delayed because of difficulty in analyzing the problem with the sealant. Finally, CRWA requested a report from CSI without the sealant analysis.

The DRAFT inspection and recommendation report from CRWA was received on November 25th and is open for comments until this Wednesday Dec. 7th. The technical assistance group (those commenting on the report) includes our State Division of Drinking Water Engineer Nick McGann, a couple of California Regional Water Control Board representatives, CRWA representatives and ACWD staff. We also gave a copy of the draft report to our new Ram Spring project engineer, Chad Coleman, to see if he has anything to add.

To paraphrase the DRAFT report, it concludes that the metal corrosion is the result of **Galvanic Corrosion** caused by dissimilar metals in contact with each other and the water. Additionally, the tank was in contact with an electrical current from the transducer inside the tank.

The report indicates that further investigation is needed to determine the issue with the sealant. If the sealant is found to be compromised, this indicates tank replacement as the best option for resolving the issue. The report does not eliminate repair as a potential solution. In a nutshell: Further investigation required!

Speaking on behalf of ACWD's staff, we think that tank replacement is the only viable solution, but we need the Contractor & the State Reps to draw the same conclusion. Currently, we are consulting with engineers for recommendations on the best way to get the back-up tanks ready for "stand alone" operation when the big tank is taken offline again. Currently all three tanks are in service, but the big tank will need to be drained at some point. We aren't sure when that will be.

The final inspection/recommendation report will be made available as soon as it is received.

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