

Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors

Tuesday December 12, 2023, Meeting was held at the Alleghany Firehouse, 105 Plaza Court

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Tobyn Mehrmann at 6: 03 P.M. Directors present: Tobyn Mehrmann; Nancy Finney; and Coral Spencer. Robbin DeWeese arrived after the consent calendar was approved. Director Brianne Price was absent. Staff present: CWO Bruce Coons, GM Rae Bell, WDO Edward Snyder. Secretary Amber Mehrmann was present and took the minutes. Members of the public, Keiran Mehrmann, Burns and Vicky Tenney were also present.

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

3. Information and Discussion Items

a. Correspondence: Provided in writing on GM report.

b. SRF Project: Report provided in writing in the packet.

c. Board/Staff Reports

Nancy Finney: Nancy states that she is resigning from the board. She is reminded that she needs to provide her resignation in writing. She states that she will do that. Everyone complimented her on her service and stated that she will be missed.

CWO Report: The GPM for the spring (raw water) is at 116 gallons per minute and the Total Finished Water Production for November was 78,880 gallons.

~The Routine samples are negative.

~The procedure for the radium test that was started earlier this year changed and nobody informed us of that. He has to start over. It entails getting 3 liters of water to sample, every two weeks for one month.

~The large tank was leaking more, lowering the water level has slowed the leak.

G.M. Report: No report other than what's already on the agenda.

d. Historical Church/Library Report: None.

e. Park Report: None

4. Unfinished Business

a. Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects: One account is 60 days overdue and five accounts are 90 days overdue.

b. Policies & Procedures & Ordinances: Nothing prepared for meeting.

c. Status of proposed insurance carrier change: see notes on agenda

d. Bridge Loan: A detailed explanation of what the Bridge Loan entails is in the packet. There was a discussion about it as well.

~A motion to authorize the GM to apply for the loan for up to \$500,000 from the California Rural Water Association was made by Coral Spencer and Robbyn DeWeese 2nd **Ayes: Robbyn DeWeese, Coral Spencer, and Tobyn Mehrmann Noes: Nancy Finney Absent: Brianne Price Abstain: 0**

5. New Business

a). Adopt Water Distribution Operator Job Description: The draft job description was provided in the packet. It was noted that Edward has been doing an excellent job and readily takes on responsibility. He is reliable and conscientious.

The only written change in the draft document was to change his rate of pay to be “one dollar over minimum wage” and hours at prevailing wage for state funded projects was also included. After a discussion it was decided to drop the \$50 flat rate payment for reading the water meters. That task will be paid hourly as well. Nancy Finney made a motion to approve the job description with changes as noted above and Robbyn DeWeese 2nd. **Ayes: Nancy Finney, Robbyn DeWeese, Coral Spencer, and Tobyn Mehrmann Noes: 0 Absent: Brianne Price Abstain: 0**

b. Consider Rescinding Resolution #120 and adopt #121 in its place ~ Nancy makes a motion to rescind resolution #120 and adopt resolution #121 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INFO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH SWRCB FOR THE CATHODIC PROTECTION PROJECT AND APPOINTING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT Coral Spencer 2nd **Ayes: Nancy Finney, Robbyn DeWeese, Coral Spencer, and Tobyn Mehrmann Noes: 0 Absent: Brianne Price Abstain: 0**

d. Dead Tree Removal~ There are 3 dead Cedar trees above the main water tank that could fall on it. Josiah Parker quoted a flat rate \$1,500 to remove the trees. She spoke to a two other tree fallers and they said that this was a reasonable quote without actually seeing the trees. One of them explained that the risk involved is what raises the cost. Director Spencer also stated that he had done work for her and she was pleased with it. ~Rae has also asked him if he could limb up the fir tree at the Hidden Church, he indicated that it would be less than \$1,500 but removing the limbs would add to the cost. ~ Rae Bell asked the Board to authorize her to hire Josiah, for the tree removal and limbing, at the historical church to come out of the historical church fund. Up to \$1,000 and the tree removal at the water tank for \$1,500 to come out of the general fund. She will not hire him until she sees his proof of insurance. Coral Spencer made the motion and Robbyn DeWeese 2^{nds}. **Ayes: Nancy Finney, Robbyn DeWeese, Coral Spencer, and Tobyn Mehrmann Noes: 0 Absent: Brianne Price Abstain: 0**

6. Public Response Time: Burns asked if the new meters included in the Ram Spring Project could be electronically read. And it was stated that they would be and also be a lot easier to read through the snow. ~Burns also stated that he would like to apply to be on the Board after Nancy Finney’s resignation is final.

7. Adjournment Next meeting date, items for next agenda and adjournment: Next meeting will be on January 9, 2023; at 6:00 P.M. A decision on the insurance needs to be made. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amber Mehrmann, Secretary