

**Special Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors  
Tuesday April 26, 2022 Special Meeting was held over the phone**

**1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum** The meeting was called to order by President Mehrmann at 6:09 pm. Directors present: Tobyn Mehrmann, Nancy Finney, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer. CWO Bruce Coons; GM Rae Bell, and Secretary Amber Mehrmann was present and took minutes. Public present: Vicky Tenney

**2. Board is to decide on a rate change proposal for Proposition 218 proceedings to begin at the Regular Meeting to be held on May 10, 2022.** Written report and analysis provided by GM and attached to these minutes.

- There was a question as to whether or not there is a 'gray area' for us to not have to change the rates.
- The Board is concerned about being behind on their repair budget. There is also concern about power rates going up and not having the budget to cover it.
- There is also great concern about how the community will respond to a rate increase.
- It was decided to present a proposal to the public to start the conversation and hopefully be able to come to a rate change that would work for the community and also be able to afford any increase in costs of repairs that may be needed or any increase in other expenses that may need to be paid to keep everything flowing smoothly.
- Rae explained that because the proposition 218 process is so onerous, it is important to pass a rate change that won't need to be updated again in two years.
- Rae to post notice for public hearing on May 10th. Vicky suggested calling all customers. Rae decided to include notice in water bills in addition to public posting requirements.
- The proposal made for a flat rate \$44 and to add \$1.00 to each gallon pumped after 8000 gallons allowed per month have been used up. Coral Spencer made the motion to approve the beginning proposal idea and Robbin DeWeese 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: Nancy Finney**

**3)Information Items Updates On:**

**a) SRF Application for Ram Spring Improvement Project:** The SRF application is completed!

**b) Drought Situation:** The water flow was 72.4 gallons. It is good to see it went up 20 gallons after the rains.

**c) Water Tank Problem:** The work plan is approved by the department of financial assistance.  
- Still waiting on the investigation to finish up so work can be started on patching the big tank as a temporary measure to get through fire season.

**Rae will post the public hearing notice no later than Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> The hearing will be had at Station 2 on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 6:54 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted,