

Sturdivant-Progress Water Supply Corporation

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Officers present:

President – Scott Royal

Vice-President – Jeff Smith

Secretary-Treasurer – Penny Snow

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – JB Watkins

Directors present:

Steven Byrom

Jeff Stow

Also present:

General Manager – Billy Brillhart

Office Personnel – Rebekah Da Vault

3 members were in attendance, accounts 484 and 108.

Insurance Representatives from AIA and Higginbotham

Not in attendance:

Director – James Slattery

Director – Sarah Hahs

Director – Mike Johnson

Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:

Called to Order by President Scott Royal at 5:02 pm October 11, 2023.

A Quorum was verified, 6 of 9 Directors present.

Approval of the Minutes:

Director – Steve Byrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2023, board meeting. **Director** – Jeff Stow seconded, and motion carried without dissent.

Presentation by Insurance Representatives

Brett Cheatham with AIA and Greg Nelson with Higginbotham. Our current insurance policy expires November 13, 2023. Higginbotham is again offering a 3-year rate lock on part of the policy. AIA with Allied does not offer a rate lock. We will get with AIA to change numbers, so that we are comparing apples to apples. If the quote is close the board would prefer to stay with Higginbotham, because of the rate lock.

Concerns of Customers:

Member Marie Helmick brought up the concern of the petition to the Public Utility Commission. She will create the petition and begin getting signatures. The petition is so that the PUC can sue Sturdivant Progress WSC to suspend the rate hick imposed by the City of Mineral Wells.

Summary of Reports:

Presented by the General Manager: Field Report, Work orders and Water Usage/Loss Report for September 2023. Office Report, Director's/Financial Report, and Sales/Receivables Report, for September 2023. *Copies of these are kept in the monthly reports folder and available for review upon request.*

SPWSC had 2 large leaks in September at a cost of \$171.56.

We had a total of 23 leak checks, with 16 being actual leaks. The purveyor changed out 3 meters at a cost of \$442.88. There was 1 ¾ meter installed at a cost of \$289.75 and one tap installed at a cost of \$546.27.

There are now 726 (smart) meters installed.

SPWSC water usage for September 2023 was down from last year by ½ million (about 10% below our average)

Gill Ct wells have been down. We have had electrical and control problems.

Last Tuesday, the welder came out to patch the holes in one of the pressure tanks at the office. Within the next year, the tank will need to be painted on the inside and resealed.

While the tanks were down, the guys pulled up most of the valves on the 6" line. They replaced the broken ones. And now there is better water pressure in the line. There is at least one more valve that needs to be checked.

The engineer is putting together a proposal for us on estimated costs of an additional storage tank at the main office. Billy will go to his office tomorrow. What he gets from the engineer should be sufficient to get bids from contractors. The engineer would like to come out here and get pictures to determine where to put the new storage tank. Director Jeff Stow suggested that Billy talk with Chase at Palo Pinto Lake Water. He has a list of contractors that he uses.

Director Jeff Smith brought up the question – how hard is it to put more detailed information on the bills? He would like it to show a little more itemized breakdown of base rate and water usage costs. The office staff will contact RVS – our billing software to find out.

Status of current projects:

Upsize of FM 2256 Pipeline (Contractor Brogdon)- No discussion

New Business:

President Scott Royal has been crunching numbers, to find out what is the minimum Sturdivant Progress WSC can go up on the water rates and still break even. The Sturdivant Progress Board of Directors agreed to a 95% rate increase instead of the 146% that the City of Mineral Wells imposed. Director Steve Byrom made a motion to accept the 95% increase. Jeff Stow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by **Director** – Jeff Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.
Director – Steve Byrom seconded the motion. Approval was 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Presiding Officer,

Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Snow