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Officers present:

President – Scott Royal
Vice-President – Jeff Smith
Secretary-Treasurer – Penny Snow
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – JB Watkins

Directors present:

Sarah Hahs
Steven Byrom
Jeff Stow
James Slattery

Also present:

General Manager – Billy Brillhart
Office Personnel – Rebekah Da Vault
There were 2 Members in attendance.

Not in attendance:

Director - Mike Johnson

Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:

Called to Order by President Scott Royal at 5:10 pm August 9, 2023.

A Quorum was verified, 8 of 9 Directors present.

Approval of the Minutes:

Director – Steve Byrom made a motion that the printed minutes of the June 14, 2023, (There was no meeting held in July) board meeting be accepted. **Director** –Jeff Smith seconded, and motion carried without dissent.

Concerns of Customers:

Member #265 brought up a concern about his meter read being high. He has a new meter and it's not one of the CDMA meters. Billy let the board know that the meters are all calibrated at the factory in Milwaukee. After a discussion, the board will have him pay a discounted rate this month. Billy will monitor his meter.

Director Steve Byrom is also concerned with the readings that his meter is showing. A new meter was installed in May. He wants to know if the new meters read correctly. Billy explained to the board about how the meters collect the usage information and store it on the meter. He will get with Badger to check on their system as to why the reading shows all on one day. We have had problems with some of the new meters, about 20 out of 700 that have been installed. Billy will monitor the two meters to see if the error happens again.

Summary of Reports:

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

Billy took last month and this month's reports and combined them. We had a total of 9 leaks at a cost of \$1678.99. The purveyors changed out 14 meters J to J, old style to new, at a cost of \$528.39. They also changed out 2 meters, Z to J, at a cost of \$789.08. There were 2 new meter installs at a cost of \$364.50.

Our water usage is down a million and a half from last year, which keeps us under our goal.

Status of current projects:

Upsize of FM 2256 Pipeline (Contractor Brogdon)- The project is paid, except \$5000.00. Waiting for a good Bact analysis to complete. Billy is planning to replace a couple of old valves on the line to get a better flow. It will be Monday or Tuesday before they will start on the valves. Parts will be here tomorrow.

The directors asked for a price/bid from Brogdon and A&V Water, on replacing the ¾ inch line with 3 inch, about 1060 ft. President Scott Royal, asked for a copy of the original engineer's estimate for the 2256 project.

Carter Rd wells on the system, Tank expansion main office and Pressure tank main office – Billy to meet with Jacob & Martin engineer, Cruz Trujillo tomorrow morning. Cruz has submitted paperwork to TCEQ and is waiting for a response. Billy hopes to have approved plans for the office tanks in a couple of months. When Cruz gets the preapproved letter then we can start purchasing the needed tanks and equipment. He is working on a breakdown of costs for these projects. He may attend the September board meeting.

Billy said that it costs about \$300.00 or \$400.00 each time we patch the pressure tank. He has only had to patch a couple of times. To purchase a new pressure tank would be about \$50,000.00.

Buchanan Hwy 281 property: All Sturdivant Progress development is on hold. The part that SPWSC sold – the owner is rezoning so that they can put manufactured homes on the property.

New Business:

Director Sarah Hahs asked about the unused hotel room from the Galveston conference in July. A room was reserved for a director to go to the conference, but he was unable to attend. Billy said that he has submitted the refund request to Expedia.

On the meters that are catching up – the directors suggested to average out over 10 months then subtract out the previous month and the difference is what is owed. Also continue to offer a payout to persons with high bills.

Scott talked about A&V Water, a water services company that works on wells and other projects for water systems. Jeff Stow said that they have done work for other water systems within an hour of Mineral Wells if we need to call for references. The board would like to ask A&V Water to bid on projects, maintenance, well drilling, pump storage ect.

Beth Watson from the City of Mineral Wells had a water conference. Director Sarah Hahs attended. She let the board know that the city estimates that they need \$287 million to address their ageing infrastructures and water treatment plant. Turkey Peak Lake is estimated to cost over \$200 million. We're about 30 days from Stage 3 water restrictions. The equipment to build the RO treatment facility is about 5 to 8 months delayed. RO (reverse osmosis) is pulling water from the Brazos river and removing the salt. The city says that they are still trying to get grants and loans to cover the costs of repairs and new builds.

The City of Mineral Wells Council may suggest a bond election for the September board meeting. Water rate increase expected November 1, 2023.

Directors went into executive session: On return; **Director** Sarah Hahs made a motion to accept the City of Mineral Wells amended contract as stated. **Director** Steve Byrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held on new taps on the system and the drought. **Assistant Secretary-Treasurer** – JB Watkins made a motion that we put a hold on installing new taps for 3 months. **Director** Sarah Hahs seconded. The motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by **Director** – James Slattery to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. **Director** – Jeff Smith seconded the motion. Approval was 8-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Presiding Officer,

Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Snow