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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

Mike Johnson

James Slattery

**Also** present:

General Manager – Billy Brillhart

Office Personnel – Rebekah Da Vault

One member was in attendance, account 776, and the General Manager from Santo SUD account 901.

**Not in attendance:**

Director – Jeff Stow

**Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:**

Called to Order by President Scott Royal at 5:05 pm September 13, 2023.

A Quorum was verified, 8 of 9 Directors present.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Director** – Steve Byrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2023, board meeting. **Director** –Sarah Hahs seconded, and motion carried without dissent.

**Concerns of Customers:**

Only one customer voiced their concern over the upcoming rate increase, by the City of Mineral Wells. He sent an email, discussed the situation on social media, but was unable to attend this meeting.

Director Jeff Smith asked about the status of the concerns of the members who were at the last board meeting. Billy stated that one had been taken care of and he is monitoring the other meter.

**Summary of Reports:**

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

We had a total of 5 leaks last month at a cost of \$1042.90. There were 14 leak alerts from badger meters, 8 were actual leaks and 6 were hoses left on.

Director Steve Byrom asked about the low-pressure last week. Billy said that it was a leak on a 2" line on someone's property. We bought a new compressor for the main pump house before that, when we had a low-pressure issue. The purveyors swapped out 31 more meters from Z to J at a cost of \$6072.32. and one J to J meter was changed out.

Our water usage is down about 1.3 million from last year.

Director Penny Snow asked about the status of the refund from Expedia for the unused Galveston hotel room. Billy said that he has received an email, that they are working on it.

The City of Mineral Wells has decided to raise water rates as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. To meet the steady rise in costs associated with our current projects, Sturdivant Progress will need to implement a rate increase as well.

**After much deliberation, the water rate increase was tabled until the next board meeting so that Billy can do more research on the amount of the increase.**

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)-** Billy says that we are still not getting the amount of water that we should in the line. There may be a buried valve that restricts the water flow from the pump station to the road. He and the purveyors may need to pothole about 60 feet of line, to see if they can locate any valves. Billy hopes to have it located by the next board meeting. He is taking the samples for testing tomorrow.

Billy has talked with Chester, to see if the additional 1000 ft of  $\frac{3}{4}$  line, will be included with his original bid price for the project. He has not received an answer yet.

**Carter Rd wells on the system, Tank expansion main office and Pressure tank main office** – Billy received the information back from the engineer. It looks like an additional 50,000-storage tank will cost about \$240,000. The engineer and surveyor will be by next week to study the location for the new tank.

**New Business:**

Billy had the pressure tank x-rayed, at a cost of \$1140.00. The tank is fine. It just has one spot on the wall that is thin. A welder is supposed to come out tomorrow and give him a bid to repair.

Budget committee met to go over the 2024 budget. There is nothing to report currently. They will have a meeting when the rate increase has been approved.

Employees evaluations need to be done before the October board meeting. The personnel committee will need to get together for the General Manager's review.

The projects committee would like to get together with Cruz and go over the engineer's recommendations.

President Scott Royal spoke about the meeting with the City of Mineral Wells mayor. He and Mike Johnson attended the meeting. The same items were addressed as in the previous meetings. One question that was asked, what percentage of the city's revenue is from the water co-ops. No answer as of this meeting.

The city also wants to see more air gaps in the water delivery from them to us. That means we would need to have more storage tanks and pressure stations to pull and hold water, instead of pumping straight from their lines. The city wants less responsibility when the system gets stressed.

They also said that any future water contracts will be take or pay.

A motion was made by **Director** – James Slattery to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. **Director** – Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Approval was 8-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

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*Presiding Officer,*

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*Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Snow*