

Sky Hi Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Director's Scheduled Meeting November 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Board of Director's meeting called to order by the Chairman at 6:03pm at the Pump House.

In attendance was: W. Lucas, M. Williams, R. Inman, S. Rodriguez.

Call to the public. None in attendance. (upcoming Board member K. Little in attendance)

Chairman reviewed July 17, 2021 Board meeting minutes. The Chairman gave a short review of the minutes. Little discussion and S. Rodriguez motioned to approve, 2nd by B. Lucas, passed unanimously.

Treasurer report: M. Williams lead a discussion on our general financial situation (aprox.\$1687K in checking account/saving account (our two accounts were combined). Some discussion on our budget format and using the Sec's updated Excell spreadsheet was had.

Water Works: In lieu of B. Bro's absence, the Chairman gave a short overview of our system, mentioning our new four(4) steel well head and plumbing enclosures, which still need completion. The Chairman mentioned that our leakage rate has increased to 12% for unknown reasons (still nominal). Also, news to the Board is that well/pump #1 has been down for many months. The suggested cause is cavitation from siltation of the pump. Our well driller (Paul Wyatt) is scheduled to pull the pump to resolve/restore the well function. Water volumes or other operator actions were unknown.

Admin: The Sec. motioned that the Board hire a locksmith to replace all outside padlocks and inside door locks so that only two keys would be necessary to open all our facilities. S. Rodriguez 2nd. The Chairman and Tres. did not see the benefit, but after discussion it was agreed (not motioned) to direct our operator to complete that function, and apparently provide the Board with the master keys. The Chairman agreed to contract our operator.

After the Sec. mentioned his willingness to refurbish the pumphouse bulletin board, the Chairman without a motion ordered on-line a new bulletin board to replace the existing one, and ordered a "sandwich" board to advertise SHDWID information without discussion.

Newsletter. The Sec. brought up the matter of a "winter newsletter', and his willingness to create and do the physical mailing. Discussion about whether users actually read a paper mailed newsletter, with the Chairman deciding they were of little value and too much cost (aprox. \$400). After discussion, it was decided to allow the Sec. to create the newsletter, but publish it digitally on the website, and physically on bulletin boards. A draft newsletter to be presented to the Board at our January, 2022 meeting.

Chairman: The Chairman reviewed the recent Navajo Co. Election results. With his un-retirement, only the Vice-Chair position was open. There was only one candidate (Kathy Little), so she is our new Vice-Chair starting January 1st, 2022. Welcome Kathy.

Old Business: Quick review of our water rate increase and hearing. The Chairman motions to approve the new increase of \$5, 2nd S. Rodriguez, passed unanimously.

New Business: The Chairman mentioned after long-term consideration, the VFD (variable frequency drives) will finally be installed on both booster pump electric motors. No costs were explained, but apparently the high cost quoted in the past have decreased. No installation time frame, or firm costs were given. Carson Elect. would be the contractor. Past Board motions approved funding for these drives.

The Chairman then brought up the operator recommendation of a high-tech, wireless facility alarm system (Sensiphone) to upgrade our current alarm system. It seems to have merit, and we rely on our operator to advise us to keep up with technology and efficient maintenance. The Chairman motioned to allocate \$3,000 for this new system. 2nd, R. Inman, passed unanimously.

The Chairman did a quick review of the proposed Verizon cell tower on our property. Many unanswered questions. The consensus was positive as it brought in revenue for the SHDWID and greatly improves our poor cell service. Public outreach on this project is lacking. Also, more detailed site information is still unclear and forthcoming. The Water Works Board member was charged to provide more public outreach.

No further agenda items or Board member actions.

The Chairman called the Board meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Next scheduled meeting is January 12, 2022 at the Pumphouse meeting room.

Signed to approve these minutes and actions:

Bill Lucas, Chairman

Susan Rodriguez, Vice Chair

Maurice Williams, Tres.

Bill Bro, Operations

Richard Inman, Sec.