

## 10/15/2020 Minutes

### 1. Call to Order – 5:15 pm

The meeting was held via Zoom. Directors present: Ward Holmes, Chuck Stevens, Tom Brossia, Jeff Wagner and Michael Roussin. General Manager Charlie Smith, RJ HOA representatives Renate Widder and Julie Constan were also present.

### 2. Approval of Agenda –The Agenda was approved

### 3. 9/17/20 Minutes –Mike, moved to approve the 9/17/20 minutes, Chuck second, Approved.

### 4. General Managers Report

#### Financials, Billing, Insurance, etc.

Balance Sheet and Budget Performance reports for September were reported. Rafter J water sales are estimated. YTD Water Sales are \$72,054 above budget. Retail sales are \$87,759 over. Bulk sales are \$15,703 below budget due to LPWWA not being an active customer until September 8.

YTD operating expenses are \$24,593 below budget. Alexis has been entering some repairs expense entries as materials and supplies, Charlie will reconcile when I get the invoices from her.

#### Source and Supply –

The lake volume is approximately 803 acre-feet.

Russ Howard at ALPOMR on 9/18 called to notified the Authority that it had pumped its full allotment of water stored in Lake Nighthorse (140.25 af.) LDWA has purchased 250 af of water from ALPWCD but according to the initial IGA between BOR and CWRPDA (the source of the water owned by ALPWCD) 56.1% is stored water and the remaining 43.9% is a direct diversion water right. Because there is sufficient water in Lake Nighthorse to meet the demands of all users LDWA is eligible to take the remaining 43.9% from the common storage pool which will be the case in the foreseeable future but may not be available when other users are online. Charlie contacted Bud Smith who confirmed the IGA language. He then contacted Bob Wolfe at ALPWCD to get clarification considering that the intent of the Authority water purchased was clearly for water stored in Nighthorse. ALPWCD attorney Adam Reeves responded and said that storage of the full volume had been agreed upon by ALPOMR and that the matter had been settled. He will provide written confirmation from ALPOMR that that is the case. Considering recent hydrology Charlie recommended that the Authority investigate purchasing an additional 100 af of Nighthorse supply from ALPWCD once the storage vs. direct flow issue is resolved.

#### Treatment

September water production was 7,586,900 gallons.

Chris Kramer has proposed that he transition to working two days per week, he would continue to act as the Operator Responsible in Charge and he will prepare and submit all monitoring reports to CDPHE. Tim Graham would perform the treatment responsibilitiesSolar installation is complete awaiting LPEA inspection to put online.

#### Distribution

September water sales are approximately 6,100,000 gallons.

A leak was repaired on CR 141 near CR 136, a 2" glue joint had failed. Mechanical joints were used for the repair.

Charlie met with a homeowner and contractor regarding a line extension on CR136. The owner would install a 6" line to his southern property boundary from Indian Bend Rd. He would then be compensated if other property owners tie in to the extension.

## 5. 2021 Draft Budget

The Board reviewed the draft budget for 2021.

Budget highlights include:

- 2020 water sales \$72,000 above budget
- -\$28,000 net income for 2020 due to TTHM expense and less tap sales than budgeted.
- No rate increase – the board needs to determine if a new rate study should be conducted in 2021. I spoke to LPWWA about doing a rate study for storage, treatment, and delivery of their water to Blue Hill after October of 2021 or more likely after January 1, 2022.
- Reduced water sales in 2021 because it might rain someday.
- Assumes 10 new tap sales in 2021.
- Request grant from ALPWCD for 2021 water purchase.
- Assumes 3% rate increase for Charlie and Tim C.; \$1/hr increase for Alexis; Tim G. \$1/hr increase December 1 for additional treatment responsibilities and change Tim G. to salary in 2021, equivalent to \$26/hr. This is comparable to other treatment operator wages in the area.
- 5% increase in health benefit costs and other major line items.
- Decreased electric expense due to reduced pumping and 1<sup>st</sup> year terms of the solar lease agreement.
- \$537,000 Capital improvement projects for additional TTHM and Dove compliance funded through DWRF loan.

## 6. TTHM and DOVE

Phillips Electric provided the load calculations for the electric extension to the Shenandoah tank and the application for the line extension is ready to submit, a \$1,200 deposit is required for the application. An online meeting with Medora to schedule and finalize stripping equipment installation is planned for Friday.

7. **Approval of Bills** – Mike moved to approve the bills as presented in the check detail report with the addition of checks for Floyd Smith and Evoqua Inc, Tom <sup>2nd</sup>, Approved.
8. **Public comments or Questions** – Renate Widder discussed Rafter J HOA plans to repair the pavement in culdesacs. The plan would involve reworking the existing chip seal and vibrapackng the road. In the past vibrapacking in HOA has resulted in leaks. She inquired about pie locations and depths. Julie Constan expressed resident concerns about fire hydrants and the ability to provide fire flows in the HOA.
9. **Adjourn** 6:20 pm.