

June 27, 2022

Terry Trojan Water Project District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Janell Berg at 4:00 pm, and roll call was taken.

Present: Board of Directors; Mike Ryan, Peder Torgerson, Janell Berg, Mike Hale, Executive Director - Linda Derosier, Secretary-Treasurer - Shanon Morrison

Absent: Board of Directors, Jon Torgerson, Matt Zietlow, Bill London

Guests: Dustin (AE2S), Dylan (Clearwater), Lysann Zeller (BH Council for Small Governments), Tim and Susan Szutz, TTWD Members

**Minutes:** A review of the meeting minutes from April 25, 2022, was presented. A request to add the bolded verbiage to the sentence in Joe Noble's report on the meter pit and water tank storage projects; we could receive up to a 60% grant for the storage tank project.

Motion made by Janell Berg to accept the minutes with the above correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hale, 4 voted yes, 0 voted no.

**Financials:** Financials were presented and reviewed.

Motion made by Peder Torgerson to accept financial as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janell Berg. 4 voted yes, 0 voted no.

**Public Hearing / Water Tank Project:** Lysann conducted the Public Hearing. Lysann explained the options the water district has researched over the past seven years to repair and maintain the concrete storage tank. She went on to explain the concerns the board has with the concrete tank due to the age of the tank, cracks, and substantial deterioration.

To apply for the DANR revolving loan fund, the application must be received by the July 1, 2022, deadline. The Public Hearing today will allow us to submit our DANR Application for the revolving loan fund. The project cost is about \$757K; we are applying for that amount of funding with the possibility of a partial grant. The financing will be 2.15% interest, 30-year term, with a \$34,208 annual payment. With this debt service, the rate will need to increase for our consumers by \$12.39 per user.

Lysann requested a motion for Resolution 2022-1 be signed by the TTWD Chairperson. The Resolution hereby authorizes the district to apply for financial assistants to improve the system, authorizes Chairperson Janell Berg to execute the application, and authorizes Linda Derosier, Executive Director do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the project.

Motion was made by Janell Berg to accept the above Resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peder Torgersen. 4 voted yes, 0 voted no.

**System Operations by Dylan:** Loss was 26% in April and 24% in May. There was a leak fixed on Buffalo Trial. A couple of storms took out the power at the well, but the Clearwater crew got the system back up and running.

Linda thanked Dylan with Clearwater for completing the Worksheet Assessment that needed to be turned in to Lysann with the application documentation submitted by July 1, 2022.

**AE2S by Dustin / Meter Pit Project:** The first bid for the Meter Pit Project was due Thursday, June 2, 2022. However, only one bid was received, which was well over the estimate and not appropriately prepared to fit SRF criteria. A second bid for the project was due on Thursday, June 23, 2022. Again, one bid was received from Mainline, yet it was still way over the estimate. The Mainline bid was up to 1.7 million. The bid included the cost and installation of the meters plus \$300K for incidentals and miscellaneous work.

There was a discussion regarding doing the project in phases. Dylan suggests we order the meters ourselves and have Clearwater install them. This could bring the cost down considerably.

Motion was made by Mike Hale to authorize Dustin to renegotiate the bid with Mainline to exclude the cost and installation of the meters, as well as renegotiate incidentals and miscellaneous costs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Ryan. 4 voted yes, 0 voted no.

**Lower Last Chance Watermain Replacement:** Submitted a bid for the last 417ft of 2 or 3" line on Last Chance Trail. The bid came in at \$43,742. Leroy will be digging a test hole before proceeding. As long as it is considered a replacement, there is no need to engineer it. The test hole is to see what size the water main is in that area.

Discussion included that development will be going on in that area this summer. We will not allow a tap onto the stretch of 417 ft of waterline unless it is a 6-inch water main. The district must upgrade that 417 ft of water main to a 6-inch to allow new taps off that section. Matt Wood's expansion should also start this construction season. Mike Hale asked Dustin if the Stuen Bid was in line with accurate pricing and Dustin agreed it to be in line with today's pricing.

Motion was made by Janell Berg to accept the Stuen bid and start by digging the test hole. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hale, 4 voted yes, 0 no.

**Miscellaneous:** Linda was approached by Coeur Wharf about the home they have, and they have asked that the water be shut off effective immediately and the last bill be the June 2022 bill. They said they do not intend to rent the property for a minimum of the next 5-7 years. The board all agreed this need to happen and would have it turned off.

Linda brought it to the board's attention that when doing some research for Lysann, she found that the Shack Condo's (Evan/Moyle Property) only has a 1 ½" meter, and they are only billed \$109 per month.

The Next Meeting is at the Deadwood Chamber on August 29, with the next meeting on October 24. Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm as the board went into Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted  
Shanon Morrison, TTWD Secretary / Treasure