

## Terry Trojan Water District Board Meeting

January 25, 2021 at 4:00 pm at the Deadwood Chamber Conference Room

Present: Berg, Hale, London, Ryan, Jon Torgerson, Peder Torgerson. Absent: John Key

Also Present: Derosier, Asmussen, Striebel, Dustin Dale, Rustin Nordsven and Matt Wood

The Board held an Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

**Mike Hale** outlined the new format for all Board meetings. The Water District is a public entity and is required to follow all Open Meeting Statues set forth by the State of South Dakota.

**Chairman Berg** called the Meeting to Order and had Roll Call.

**Public Comment:** Each member of the Public may have up to 5 minutes to state their purpose for attendance at the meeting. Nordsven stated that he was a homeowner on Lost Camp Trail and he was interested in hearing the Board's discussion on snow removal and the increase in the Vacation Rental Water Rate.

**M/S Hale**, Peder Torgerson to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting.

**M/S Berg**, London to approve the Financials as presented. Some of the categories were over the budgeted amount because of timing issues and unforeseen water line repairs. It was noted that the District had a cash surplus of \$47,798 at year's end.

**System Operations:** Striebel reported that Dakota Pump would be up the week of 2/8 to work on the SCADA; they plan to have all work completed by the end of February. Striebel discussed the water leaks found by SD Rural Water. The SCADA system showed a leak of more than 20 gpm in the middle of the night. They found leaks at 21149 Last Chance Trail, a broken gate valve, a leaking fire hydrant, a leaking PRV pit, and a leak on 21183 Lost Camp Trail. After the leaks were fixed, the loss in the middle of the night was 1-2 gpm. Ed will ship the media out to be re-generated so its ready for summer. The meter at 2 Johns is complete. They installed markers on the corners that are 8 feet tall so snowmobilers would stay off. The meter at the 2 Johns well and Booster Station are within a 100 gpm of each other. Ed stated that he had sold Clearwater Consulting to Matt Anderson and Dylan Striebel and that he will continue to advise them. The Board thanked him for his service to the District.

**Meter Pit Update:** Dustin Dale stated that the District has drawn \$390,000 of the \$812,000 loan. He will gather quotes from suppliers and projected that the contractor could start installing towers and meters in April. The Board reiterated that the main objective of this project is to get all meters out of the residences and into meter pits. The Board stated that "towers" are a secondary goal and that they could be installed later. The Board asked Striebel to work with AE2S to ensure that the main objective is met. M/S Berg, Hale to authorize AE2S to start the design of the Meter Pit Project.

**M/S Hale, Jon Torgerson** to allow the Chairman to sign the Resolution with SD DENR which amends the Original Loan Agreement.

**Matt Wood:** Developer discussion on Last Chance/Last Chance. Wood stated that he and 3 others are trying to get water to their lots on Last Chance. He stated that the water line would be put underneath the road that will be built and that the road will be built according to the Road District standards. The

Board discussed looping if the water line is longer than 600 feet. Striebel stated that looping provides continuous water service in the event of a water leak and subsequent repair, and also keeps water from sitting in the line for an extended period of time. Wood stated that he would consider extending the water line to the boundary of his property; then the line would be approximately 400 feet long. Wood stated that he is looking for direction from the Board. The Board discussed a Conflict of Interest with AE2S since they are the District's engineering firm. The Board agreed that Matt Wood could hire AE2S for his engineer. The Board asked if Wood could show the Board a rough layout of the line. He had a map of the proposed line on his laptop and offered to email the map to the Board. Wood also asked about cost-sharing when others want to tie on to the line.

**Plumbing Contractor Contract:** Derosier and the Board discussed LeRoy Singer's contract for 2021. The Board approved the Contract.

**Derosier** stated that 3 Board terms expire on April 30, 2021; they are Janel Berg, Bill London, and Peder Torgerson. Petitions can be taken out starting Jan. 29, 2021 and must be returned to her by Feb. 28.

**Annual Meeting;** The Board set April 26, 2021 at 4 pm at the Deadwood Chamber Board Room as the time and place of the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Asmussen

Clerk/Treasurer