

Terry Valley Trojan Water Project District Board Meeting

January 24, 2022, at 4:00 pm at 501 Main Street, Deadwood, SD (Deadwood Chamber Building)

Present: Janell Berg, John Key, Bill London, Mike Ryan, Peder Torgerson; Mike Hale via Zoom

Absent: Jon Torgerson

Also Present: Derosier, Asmussen, Dylan Striebel, and Dustin Dale

All Motions Passed Unanimously unless stated otherwise.

M/S Hale, London, to approve the Minutes of the November 22, 2021 meeting.

M/S Berg, Peder Torgerson to approve the Financials as of December 31, 2021. It was noted that income was \$395,133, and expenses were \$189,014 leaving a net income of \$150,548.

Water System Operations: Striebel discussed the water loss ratio; it is lower than last year, but the monitoring system still shows a water loss in the middle of the night of 8-14 GPM. He listed several addresses that he and Rural Water discovered during leak testing on Jan. 17, 2022. The owners have all been contacted, and arrangements made for leak repair. Striebel asked the Board if they wanted him to continue looking for leaks as it's very difficult to locate water leaks under the snow. He stated that last winter, the district never got below 8 GPM loss in the middle of the night. The Board directed him to wait for warmer weather and when the ground is thawed and look for leaks. Striebel discussed some of the difficulties with the installed Badger and Sensus meters. Some of the meters that were not reading were installed or wired incorrectly. He will continue to work on the non-reading meters. He also stated that both heaters in the treatment building failed, and he had Morford Electric replace them.

Secretary/Treasurer Position: Derosier discussed several options with the Board. The consensus was that she should hire a person for this position, and then the Board would appoint that person as Secretary/Treasurer.

Engineer's Report: Dustin Dale with AE2S stated that the Meter Pit project plans and specs had been sent to the State. He plans on a Bid Opening in April with a projected completion date at the end of 2023. He anticipates that the successful bidder will install meter pits and meters in the summer of 2023.

Mapping Project: He stated that Ed and Dylan Striebel, and Mike Moller met and completed updates to the map; it should be completed by the end of February.

Water Tank Project: He stated that this is on the Water Plan. The earliest anyone can apply for funds is in June. The Legislature first has to decide how the Water funds will be awarded.

John Key asked how long the district's water supply and pumping capability could keep up with the district's increased growth and water usage. Currently, the pumps are running 11 hours per day to keep up with demand, and we are getting 85 GPM from the Two Johns Well. John Key said that he would check the Wharf records for previous tests done on the Two Johns well. The Board directed Derosier to contact Alexander Drilling to get on their schedule for a well test next summer.

Handheld Reader Update: Derosier stated that due to supply chain issues, the reader is still on backorder.

By-Laws: Mike Hale led the board to review the updated By-Laws. The Board stated that they would like to see the Executive Director position addressed in these. Derosier will make the change and email them to the Board. The By-Laws can be approved at the next meeting.

Annual Meeting: Mike Hale and Mike Ryan's terms expire on April 30, 2023. Notices have been published in the BH Pioneer, the district's legal newspaper.

Revisit the 8,000-gallon estimate on customers' water bills where the meter is not functioning. The Board agreed to go back to the 5,000-gallon charge.

Derosier introduced Shannon Morrison; the Board appointed her as Clerk/Treasurer effective February 1, 2022. She will have a two-month probationary period for training.

Miscellaneous: Derosier discussed LeRoy Singer's contract. M/S to increase the amount he can charge for water taps to \$100 per hour with a 2-hour maximum; his base rate will remain \$350/ month.

Mike Ryan stated that the leak in the Summit #300 building had been repaired. Since a failed flange caused the leak, the district will pay the bill of approximately \$100.00.

The Annual Board meeting will be held on April 25, 2022, at 4:00 pm at 501 Main Street, Deadwood (the Deadwood Chamber meeting room). Notices will be published, and the information will be printed on all the customer's water bills.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Asmussen

Clerk/Treasurer