

Pendleton Water Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
at the Toledo Town Venue
March 18, 2025

APPROVED

1. The regular February meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board President Charln Stewart. Board directors in attendance were: Carl Jeanise, Charln Stewart, Bub Sepulvado and Jerry Burnaman, with Gloria Thompson on the phone. Also present were Treasurer Tina Barrett and Secretary Tony Laska.

2. Proof of notice of meeting was confirmed.

3. The February 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were considered and approved as written following a motion by Carl Jeanise, seconded by Charln Stewart. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Charln Stewart thanked the 21 guests in attendance for their participation.

5. Directors' Reports

President:

- Land Sale Update. History of the land purchase was discussed with guests including the current and recent prices of acreage with highway frontage.
- Charln Stewart and Jerry Burnaman spoke with CENLA Environmental Systems regarding their firm's capacity to bring PWA paperwork with the Sate into compliance. A motion to continue the conversation with CENLA was made by Charln Stewart, seconded by Jerry Burnaman and approved unanimously.

Treasurer:

- Financial reports for January were distributed and discussed. Tina Barrett and Tony Farrell discussed the fluctuation of expenses from one month to another, typically due to purchase of supplies or equipment repairs under way. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bub Sepulvado, seconded by Jerry Burnaman and unanimously approved.
- The proposed rate increase has been approved by USDA. An informal discussion regarding the definition of commercial class followed.
- Future grant opportunities were discussed. Because the large project to replace the filtration system is conventional maintenance it is not eligible for grant funding. That said, up to 70% of USDA loans may be forgiven.

Advisor Reports:

- No reports from Advisors were issued at this meeting.

6. Operator's Report

- The LDH inspection called for a meter to be connected to the elevated storage tank to show how many gallons of water are being sent through the system.
- Need for a screened line from the elevated storage tank to the ground has been on the LDH report for years; this improvement was among those included in the grant.

- The requested overflow pad has been taken care of. Laurie will send the update to Barbara Featherston at LDH. She should also be copying Charln Stewart on all this communication.
- In February, two new meters were installed; some re-activated. Two accounts were closed.
- Water purchase from SRA was 5,017,000 gallons. PWA sold 2.5 million gallons. A large volume of treated water is used to backwash drain lines. Surface water requires more consumption of treated water in the process than well water.

7. New Business

- An informal discussion of commercial properties and their water usage continued between the Board and PWA members.
- Association member, Larry Rice, called for the resignation of the current board citing, among other allegations, that the board was improperly elected. Board President, Charln Stewart, refused to resign and reminded Mr. Rice of the process to call a meeting for special business such as this as well as reiterated past explanations of the election process.

8. Adjournment

- Board President Charln Stewart adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- The next meeting of the PWA Board will be at the Toledo Town Venue on April 15th.