

Pendleton Water Association
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
at PWA Office
May 21, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Board President Charln Stewart. Those board directors in attendance were: Carl Jeanise, Curt Carver and Charln Stewart. It was noted that a quorum was present.

2. Proof of meeting was confirmed.

3. The April 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were considered and approved following a motion by Carl Jeanise, second by Curt Carver.

4. There were no guests in attendance.

5. Directors' Reports

President's Report:

Charln Stewart reported on her May 14 meeting with the Economic Development Board. The Board needed reassurance that with the Hwy. 6 main expansion, PWA could meet water requirements of the new Fish & Fuel development at Hwy. 191. Tony Farrell described the advantages of terrain including head pressure and siphon.

Budget: The discussion began with a review of material provided by Board Advisor Mike Meyer. The lists of Assumptions and Comments were helpful guidance. A new item will be a \$6,000./month payment on land purchase, to be monitored. The grant is a separate item; not included in the budget itself. A rate study will be occurring sooner than normal as it is a requirement of the grant.

A motion by Curt Carver, seconded by Charln Stewart was made to approve the budget contingent on new-hire Chris Cook's rate rising to \$17.50 and review of hourly rates for staff as discussed by Curt Carver. The budget was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

March and April Financial Reports were reviewed and the issue of "0" water purchased understood and resolved. The confusion over "pass-through" contractor billing will be rectified when Tony Farrell breaks out the Miscellaneous Income report to track how PWA is compensated for applicant's contractor work it oversees.

On a motion by Charln Stewart, seconded by Curt Carver, March financials were approved following an understanding of previous income and expenditure figures.

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6. Operator's Report

State Inspection:

Tony Farrell reported on his visit with Mark McCarty, who is quoted as saying that PWA now owns the new land. He raised the question of whether any money can be made on the lot using a small timber company. He described routing of the new 8" line on the North side and how it will tie in with the line on the South side.

The report of a PH of 5 in a camp is a repeat and likely old water sample before drawing fresh treated water.

While staff has responded to complaints from the February inspection, PWA isn't getting credited for these improvements, so the May report/grade was still based on deficiencies that have since been addressed.

The consumer confidence report rose from 30 to 65.

New Employee Status: Chris Cook has passed all three tests. The Board agreed on a policy to augment pay rate by \$.50/hour for each license increase.

The operator capacity has been improved now that Ben Culbertson, Class IV from Many is signed on.

General Updates:

Tony Farrell reported 878 meters for the month of April. With 520.5 hours' operation, the average was 17.35 hours/day.

7. Adjournment:

On a motion by Charln Stewart, seconded by Curt Carver, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM

The next meeting will be at the Pendleton Water Association Office, on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, starting at 5 PM.