#### **APPROVED**

Pendleton Water Association Minutes of Monthly Meeting at PWA Office September 17, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board President Charln Stewart. Those board directors in attendance were: Carl Jeanise, Tina Barrett and Charln Stewart. It was noted that a quorum was present. Advisors to the Board, Mike Meyer and Mike Stewart were also in attendance.
- 2. Proof of meeting was confirmed.
- 3. The August 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were considered and approved as written following a motion by Charln Stewart, seconded by Carl Jeanise.
- 4. There were no guests in attendance.

#### 5. Directors' Reports

# President's Report:

- Deadline to sign up for the Sept 26 management training opportunity is Sept 19.
- Board member election process. The draft mailout prepared by Charln Stewart was reviewed. Practice has been that each meter represents a single vote, though this isn't consistent with wording in the bylaws
- A motion was made by Tina Barrett, seconded by Carl Jeanise to modify the bylaws such that a current and
  active meter associated with a member in good standing is entitled to a single vote in elections. The motion was
  approved.
- The annual meeting date was changed to October 22, with ballots due by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Treasurer's Report:

- Review financials. The previous month's financials were distributed and discussed. Comparing August 2024
  figures and those from the same month in 2023, the discrepancy was explained by a change in accounting
  practices. Billing figures were used previously while invoice data is now used. A motion to accept the
  Treasurer's Report was made by Charln Stewart, seconded by Carl Jeanise and approved.
- Tony Farrell stated that he had looked into a different insurer after noting the considerable difference in premiums compared with the current company. He offered to bring the comparative information to the October meeting for the Board's consideration.

#### 5.Advisor Reports:

Mike Stewart noted that his current assignment is ongoing.

## 6. Operator's Report

- Tony Farrell reported sending in the response to the State inspection. The State requested photographs as evidence of compliance and Tony agreed to do so to verify work accomplished.
- Lead service line report is 100% complete. PWA is waiting to see whether the State calls for any changes.
- Bd opening. One bid was for \$3 million for the plant; not considered realistic, but contractors have been getting
  plenty of work, making them more selective. Another bid was more responsible. Mark will assist with next
  steps.

- Signature forms have all been sent in.
- Regarding the anticipated rate study.... A public utility is regulated by the state Public Utility Commission, while a nonprofit corporation like PWA is overseen by the USDA because we have a loan from them.
- General updates. Tony Ferrell reported 874 meters in service for the month and 476 hours' plant operation. There were 2 new meters and 3 closed accounts (which are likely to be re-opened). Two leaks in service tubing were repaired. Water payment to SRA for July was \$1,052.
- Tony Farrell reported that the cost of underdrains is \$436,390 for one filter change. Some media is getting through; Mark has found a better source for GAC which should help with organics.
- Meter replacement: Cost to install one "drive by" unit is \$265.51. Equipment estimate for 900 meters is \$238,900, plus an annual software hosting fee.
- Backwashing requires 10,000 to 13,000 gallons of treated water, which is metered. This helps explain figures of gallons treated vs. gallons sold to members. Flushwater is not metered.

## 7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:21 PM

Annual meeting: The next meeting of the PWA will be at the Toledo Town venue, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, starting at 5:00 PM.