



Hungry Horse County Water & Sewer District

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Board of Directors Meeting

May 16th, 2024 | 6:00PM

A. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

President Wagner called the meeting to order.

B. ROLL CALL 6:00PM

PRESENT: President Doug Wagner, Vice President Vivian Allen, Director Jamie Foster (**6:03PM arrival**), Director Brent Schmidt STAFF: GMO Ben Shafer EXCUSED ABSENT: Director Richard Hardesty, Secretary Raye Lynn Goodson, Bookkeeper Cassie Ferguson

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA 6:01PM - 6:02PM

Wagner stated the proper agenda was posted at the post office, while the one distributed at the meeting still had a line-item that will not be covered in this meeting. Allen asked about new officer dates based on bylaws.

6:02 PM Wagner **MOVED** to adopt the agenda. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT 6:03PM - 6:26PM ACCT#97, ACCT#207+285, ACCT#400 in attendance.

ACCT#97 to address a bill that was present before they bought their property. Shafer gave a summary of events between the sellers and the title company. ACCT#97 gave total amounts paid already. The board and ACCT#97 discussed how the balances were different than what the title company presented. Shafer presented the audit that was presented to the title company. The board and ACCT#97 discussed how to resolve this issue and who is responsible for paying this total, they also discussed finding the email chain to find which dates and totals the title company was given. The board and ACCT#97 discussed how this large total came to be and whether this situation falls under Leak Forgiveness. The board comes to the conclusion that the total amount due on this account is the responsibility of the title company or the water district.

6:19PM Allen **MOVED** to table this matter to the next meeting and Shafer will provide the "paper trail" and the district will continue to provide water to this account.

AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED

6:22PM Bryan Hattam (no ACCT# indicated) attended by phone call to commend Shafer on turning on his service. Shafer and the board discussed the complications of turning on the water and the history of this account when the previous owners were responsible for it.

E. REPORTS 6:26PM - 6:36PM

Reports supplied for the Monthly Meeting are available for the public upon request.

1. BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT (DIRECTOR'S REPORT) 6:26PM

Shafer stated the he can't explain the Water Loss has significantly reduced, but when they are read during the weekend he feels the answer will emerge.

6:22PM Wagner **MOVED** to postpone reviewing the Financial and Unpaid Bills section of the Director's Report until Ferguson gives the information to Shafer. **NO VOTE**

a. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

b. BILLS; UNPAID BILLS

c. CORRESPONDENCE 6:30PM ACCT#225 called to discuss a hydrant. Wagner told ACCT#225 they would not be able to get to that issue during this meeting. The board discussed what material and research will be needed to properly address this issue in the next meeting.

2. MANAGER'S MONTHLY WRITTEN REPORT 6:37PM - 6:51PM

Shafer gave a summary of what and how much came out during the pumping of the towers. Shafer gave a summary of the inspection of the tanks. The board and Shafer discuss the pricing of the cleaning and inspection. **6:39PM** Shafer gave his report of what his correspondence with the Forest Service had delivered thus far regarding the special use permit. The board and Shafer discussed the proper way to move forward regarding the permit.

6:44PM Allen **MOVED** that once the board has feedback from Mike Kropp on this matter that the board authorize Wagner to contact the attorneys for their advice.

AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED

Wagner asked about chlorination and Shafer explained why they chlorinate during the spring.

3. ELECTION REPORT AND MEMBER RESIGNATION 6:51PM - 7:04PM

Wagner thanked Allen for her 4 years of service on the Board and thanked Hardesty for his time as well. Hardesty resigned in writing. Foster and Wagner were re-elected. Dan Stahlberg was elected as well. Tom Blakney ran in the election. Blakney has shown up to two meetings and reviewed approved minutes to stay informed on the Board's doings.

6:52PM Wagner **MOVED** to accept Hardesty's Resignation with an **AMENDMENT** from Allen to attach a Note of Appreciation for his time on the Board. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

The Board and Blakney discussed his placement, filling Hardesty's Director position for the remainder of the term.

6:53PM Allen **MOVED** to appoint Tom Blakney onto the Board of Directors to finish out Hardesty's term. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS 6:54PM - 8:00PM

1. USFS SERVICE SPECIAL USE PERMIT Covered during the Manager's Report.

2. POLICY COMMITTEE REVIEW ARTICLES 9&10 OF THE RULES AND REGS. 6:55PM - 7:46PM

Schmidt read Article 9 and the changes the committee made to the article and sections. The board discussed the changes to the section, where it would apply, how they will get this update out to the customers and how they can enforce the rules and regulations. Allen gave her list of suggested changes.

7:26PM Schmidt read Article 10 and the changes the committee made to the article and sections.

Schmidt made live changes to the Article as suggested by the board.

3. BUDGET AWARENESS OF APPROACHING YEAR-END 6:57PM - 6:59PM

Wagner touches on the Budget awareness and that this is coming up.

The board discuss what exactly is covered in the budget and who it is distributed to including the county.

4. DISCUSS BALLOON PAYMENT ON REMAINING LOAN 7:47PM - 7:53PM

Wagner suggested taking \$75,000 out of the credit union to apply to a balloon payment to knock the balance on the loan. The board discussed the balance of the loan and paying it down.

G. NEW BUSINESS 7:54PM

1. NONE

2. TASK REVIEW 7:54PM

7:54PM Shafer will search for and review Bill's notes regarding ACCT#225 hydrant and ask the county (road department) about their opinion on evicting this hydrant from their right-of-way. Shafer will talk to Mike Kropp before they reach out to their attorneys regarding the Forest Service Lease. Shafer will maintain a log of "Hose Infractions".

7:55PM Goodson will do May Minutes.

7:55PM Foster will attend the Policy Committee Meeting.

7:56PM Schmidt will attend the Policy Committee Meeting.

7:56PM Schmidt **MOVED** to pay the unpaid bills after they are reviewed.

AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED

H. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:00PM OR SOONER 7:57PM

7:57PM Wagner **MOVED** to adjourn **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

Signed _____ Date _____
Douglas T. Wagner, President

Attested _____ Date _____
Raye Lynn Goodson, Secretary