

MINUTES OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

A meeting of the board of directors of Pinon Pines Mutual Water Company was duly called and held on August 18th 2020 at the Pinon Pines Community Building located at 1001 Coldwater Drive, Frazier Park, CA.

Directors present and participating: Brandon Grosh, President; Larry Borcharding, Vice President; Dave Adams, Treasurer; Karen Laumbach, Secretary

Members Not Present: John Everroad, Member at Large

Employees Present: Austin Mielke, General Manager; Kelly Mielke, Bookkeeper

Others Present: None

Open Session:

1. Called to order at 6:05 PM by Brandon Grosh

Old Business:

2. Approval of the June 16th and July 21st board of directors meeting minutes:
Tabled until the next meeting.
3. Austin updated the board on the fluoride mitigation project grant application. The State Water Resource Control Board's Project Manager has informed us that the project application is being circulated for approval by management and requested we update the dates on the project schedule to provide more time for their review.
4. **Questions & Comments regarding items on the Agenda:** None
5. **Items not listed on the Agenda:**
 - Electricity Issues:** Austin explained to the board some of the issues he has been having with the electricity at the wells being unbalanced. He has been working with Southern California Edison's trouble men for some time on this issue but no significant resolution has been made. He is going to submit a complaint to the California Public Utilities Commission in hopes they can push SCE to resolve the issue which is likely the reason we are consuming well motors so quickly. The board would also like for us to file for compensation for Well#7's motor.
 - Marijuana Growers:** This month there were two houses busted for growing illegal large quantities of Marijuana indoors commercially. The board discussed the possibility of discouraging water use for these users as there are other houses that are suspected of doing the same thing.
 - Dip Tank:** Austin discovered that the Forest Service was no longer aware of our dip tank as an asset and requires a written agreement to utilize it. Austin is working with the Fire Battalion Chief at Chuchupate ranger station to get this agreement completed.

-Shop Lights: Austin had an electrician quote upgrading the lights in the shop to direct wire LED's since a few of the ballasts are starting to go out. The board feels there are less expensive options, such as new LED fixtures from Costco.

6. Customer Complaints/Concerns: None

Financial Matters:

7. Financial Report: The board reviewed July's financial report. July 1st 35 late notices went out. So far we have spent \$21,000 on the well repairs and upgrades this year. We had only budgeted for \$10,000.

Operation Matters:

8. Manager's Report: Austin reported on the system's water production, water table level, and the operations of the water company over the past month.

- a. No new water quality reports.
- b. Due to the well motor breakdowns it is difficult to get accurate water table data, which requires shutting all pumps down for 12+ hours. Well #6 has been vibrating significantly since the new motor and smaller drop pipe was installed. The pump company is unsure of what could be causing this but doesn't think it is reason for concern. Well #7 is back up and running at full speed. The pump was fine all along but was having a rouge issue due to the impeller shaft having the tendency to lift under low head conditions. It was found during the period that the well was running around 150 gpm that the fluoride concentration drops significantly when at that lower production rate.
- c. Meter Installation Project: Meter Installations are on hold until the financial impacts of the well motor breakdowns can be fully assessed. Austin installed a few more meter settings that were already in process. We are up to ~80 connections that are metered or ready for a meter. Meters ordered in May are still on backorder.
- d. Well #4 Rehabilitation and Upgrades: Work on relining the well has been completed but Austin is having trouble keeping the test pump running due to the amount of sand and gravel that is working its way through from the new gravel pack into the pump. Roadrunner Pump service is supposed to come unjam the pump the next time their crew is working in our area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM