

FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #101

POB 1141, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

*** Meeting Minutes October 1, 2019 ***

General Meeting:

I. Called to Order 7:00pm

Directors present include Harold Herman, President, Brian Rohletter, and Patricia Martinez.

Also present: Shane Pierson, Certified Water Operator / General Manager, District Customers Shannon Henson and Norm Nunnally; and Board Secretary, Tina Bondy (by telephone).

II. Minutes: Reading and approval of the September 3, 2019 minutes.

Secretary reviewed the Minutes from the September 3, 2019 meeting. Harold Herman made a Motion to accept the Minutes as Presented; Brian Rohletter seconded the Motion and all voted in favor.

III. Time for Public Comment and Discussions.

District Customer Norm Nunnally expressed concerns with a variety of issues he has with the Board, including the Board members tenure, whether there had been proper process for elections, who may be elected to the open Board seat, the concerns that Mr. Nunnally and his wife raised about the look of the monthly invoices, his concerns with the accounting firm that the Board has contracted and questioned whether the Board was following proper meeting procedures.

The Board responded to Mr. Nunnally's concerns and, where relevant, provided answers to the questions posed.

IV. New business:

a. Update on System Improvement Project / ETA on Bid Process

- i. Harold provided the update that all paperwork has been completed with Rural Development. The bid period should be opening by 10/14/19 and close by 11/7/19.

b. Discussion of Answers to Questions on Future Rate Increase.

- i. The Board discussed answers to the questions that are most likely going to arise.

c. Potential New Board Member.

- i. Board discussion regarding providing notice to the District that there is a position on the Board, which was vacated by the Board Member, and will need to be filled. As this is a replacement, there is no obligation to post notice, or hold an election, but the Board must choose and vote upon a qualified replacement. Board did ask for notice to be emailed to the District customers and added to the Flathead County Water District website.

V. Old business:

- a. Shane and Harold did speak with A&W and has agreed to go on the system when it's updated. They have been on a private well, so this will be at least 4 ERUs for the District. The restaurant already has a good filter system.
- b. Shane had been working with Casey Becker, who had been upset about the Bylaws and complained to the DEQ about the water quality at his house for their new baby. Shane took a water sample at the Becker's house and the manganese amounts in the water were considerably under what the DEQ deems acceptable and safe.

VI. Operator's report provided by Shane Pierson.

Monthly water test was satisfactory.

Meter readings for this month were taken on October 1.

Water totals: 165,400 Well 1 – 669,000 gal used. Well 2 – 300,000 estimated based on timing, for total 969,800 gallons in September.

During September, there were 2 customers on Steele Drive that had very low pressure; main was dug and determined that it was not plugged. Means the service lines are plugged. 1 of the customer lines was fixed to date.

Cracked housing on the distribution pump at the pump house discovered and discussed.

Three late notices were issued this past month.

- One of the customers is on a payment plan now;
- Gas station has paid in full, though business was sold this past Monday and Shane is working on getting new owner info for that property.
- Steele Drive customer, hadn't had water since service line was blocked. They will make an attempt to pay, but District is not able to turn off currently.

VII. Financial report

Secretary provided financial reports as of September 30, 2019.

VIII. Correspondence

- a. Discussion of any correspondence received by the FCWD Board.

Linda Bosworth emailed to ask whether a draft version of the prior month's Minutes could be circulated with the email to the District customers each month. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable and has asked the Secretary to do this.

Ben Campbell called Harold and was very happy with the water pressure at his house after the service lines/mains were inspected and serviced.

IX. Additional items for discussion

Discussion by Board about the recommendation that all houses in the District have filters. The manganese is not going to be going away; it's in the wells. We will be better able to flush the system with the upgrades, but still recommend each home have it's own filter.

X. Adjournment at 7:54pm

Next General Meeting of the Board is scheduled on November 5, 2019, 7pm, at the Badrock Fire Department.