

FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #101

POB 1141, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

*** Meeting Minutes December 6, 2022 ***

General Meeting:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call - 7:00pm

II. Directors present include Harold Herman, President, Brian Rohletter, Nicole Bond and Shannon Henson.

Also present - David Baltz, Certified Water Operator, Water District Customer John Toftum, Jeff Soyland and Tina Bondy, Board Secretary

III. Minutes

- a. Reading and approval of the September 6, 2022 Minutes.
After one noted correction, Harold made Motion to accept the Minutes of the September Quarterly Board Meeting as presented by the Secretary. Brian seconded the Motion and all voted in favor.

IV. Time for Public Comment and Discussions

- a. John Toftum - comment about water bills for renters. Toftum's have multiple renters that would like the bill directly. Dave commented that he also had this situation and he contacted 406 Consulting, thereafter, they have sent individual pages for the bill, but they send all to the property owner, and then he can distribute. According to John, his additional meter should be hooked up by this weekend. Harold will talk to Jason at 406 Consulting and ask him to break out John's bills per meter.

V. New Business

- a. District Insurance - notice a couple of weeks ago - MaCo - insurance out of Helena - going to quit insuring water companies. FCWD is paid up through June, but we want to get some estimates for new insurance now. Dave will email some information about this. Harold also talked to Greg at Martin City, they dropped MaCo in 2019 due to rising costs. Since the FCWD 101 is an all new system, we should be able to be insured. If something breaks, such as a water main, the District will be the ones to dig up, clamp and work on the valve, although the valves are expensive.

Harold asked Secretary to get a copy of the current insurance policy. Check with PayneWest, and then email a copy to Dave as well.

- b. Water Testing – the District had to do almost \$3k extra for testing. All results were good other than one little blip. The *volatile organic chemicals* which tests for 60 different things. Each came back as a non-detect, other than one which was such a minor amount, that it wasn't an issue.
DEQ asked for a magnesium test, which Dave conducted. According to the DEQ, if there is elevated magnesium they will have to post it and send out a Consumer Confidence Report on the water quality. Manganese sticks like glue on the galvanized pipes. The district sends a check out to M.E. Labs a year in advance; was \$24 a month last year and in 2023 it will be \$26.50 a month.
- c. River Bridge Remodel – The manager of Wonderstone Motel asked if the well was going to stay in place in front of the River Bridge, they are anticipating starting the remodel in February. The plan is to tear down the bar/restaurant, and build a nice little house around the well head. The District didn't have any objections to these plans and will be additional income for the District, and will likely hook up in Spring.
- d. Proposed Annual Thank You Gift to Badrock Fire Department – do this every year - \$100 thank you card donation. Harold mentioned he would like to do this again in January.

VI. Old Business

- a. 406 Consulting – there are some opportunities to pay online. Tina will bring this up with Jason at 406 Consulting.
- b. Unauthorized/Unmetered hookups
 - i. Have the language from DEQ – got a statement from them. Wants us to get with district attorney and draw up some kind of papers and put in bylaws. Once we get that done – and the papers we got from DEQ – have backup. Harold asked Secretary to pose this question to the District's attorney Randy Snyder.
- c. UDig Enrollment - Secretary to call A2Z Engineering about a map of the District to submit to UDig.

VII. Operator's report – presented by Dave Baltz, CWO

All samples have been fine so far, and latest results were also acceptable. VOC test, referenced above was not a big deal. Next year DEQ is going to make us test for Lead and Copper again (although have not yet received the notice). Dave has been trying to match the meter numbers in the well house with numbers of meter reading. Discussion about the lower usage than was billed through the meter readings. Dave will review, and per Nikki, last month the usage appears to be 366560 gallons total. Discussion with Dave that Tina and Nikki will provide the total gallons from the monthly meter readings.

Lutz meter was pulled and took to Core & Main who sent it in for repair work, at Core & Main's expense. The Lutz meter was brand new. May need to also check the meter behind Outfitters as it didn't have a reading last month.

VIII. Financial report

Secretary provided and reviewed financial reports as of December 6, 2022.

Revenue to date this fiscal year: \$ 77,255.45

Expenses to date this fiscal year: \$ 12,520.71

Checking account balance: \$ 50,646.61

Reserve/Asset Replacement bank balance: \$ 33,640.79

Checks written / Payments issued in September, October and November from Glacier Checking Acct.:

September 2022

Check # 577 to David Baltz for monthly service: \$500.00

Check # 578 to Eclipse Tax and Accounting: \$387.80

Check # 579 to Tina Bondy for Board Secretarial: \$400.00

Check # 580 to Randy Snyder, Lawyer: \$72.00

Check # 581 to Ferguson Water Works: \$135.44

October 2022

Check # 582 to David Baltz for monthly service: \$535.00

Check # 583 to Eclipse Tax and Accounting: \$290.60

Check # 584 to Tina Bondy for Board Secretarial: \$400.00

November 2022

Check # 585 to David Baltz for monthly service: \$500.00

Check # 586 to 406 Consulting, Accounting: \$475.00

Check # 587 to Tina Bondy for Board Secretarial: \$400.00

Check # 588 to DEQ for per customer annual charge: \$184.00

Check # 589 to Core and Main: \$578.28

Check # 590 to USPS for postage: \$138.00

Check #591 to Flathead County Treasurer: \$45.45

Flathead Electric Bill for September - \$ 311.11

Flathead Electric Bill for October - \$ 253.96

Flathead Electric Bill for November - \$ 225.66

Discussion with Board about moving some money from the checking account to the emergency asset replacement account. Also discussed purchasing a new booster pump to

have on hand for the tank house. According to John Toftum, it should cost less than \$5000, and the District would have the assurance of a ready replacement in case of a failure. . Next fall the Board will request to purchase a new well pump, to also have on hand, given the concerns with supply chains.

Harold made a Motion to purchase a new booster pump for the tank house. Brian seconded and all voted in favor.

Harold also discussed the snow sliding off the top of the pump house, which then turns to ice. Harold has been using a roof rake, though next spring, intends to extend the roof out from the man door about 4' to ensure the path in front of the door is ice-free.

Discussion with Harold about receiving an email right before Thanksgiving from the State of Montana with a wire deposit in the amount of \$44k. This was an error by the State, the deposit was due to FCWD number 1 (Evergreen), rather than 101. After discussing with Evergreen District management, we informed the State of Montana that this appeared to be an error and they reversed the deposit.

IX. Correspondence and Additional Discussion

John Toftum will be out of the district for much of the winter, but will be back at the first of March. He would like to start drawing the tank down to fix the liner once he's back. Discussion about getting this part of the project finished before the main water season begins. Would be useful to post the steps for switching over to the system.

Harold also mentioned wanting to install a new lightbulb in the tank house.

FCWD 101 Website – discussion with Board members and Secretary about a revised / updated website for the district. Nikki will work on a dedicated website through GoDaddy.

Harold put stakes in around the district to locate meter pits in the winter. He wasn't able to find the meter pit at Shannon's, as it was covered with dirt. Harold also didn't put the stake at the Beckers because they have previously removed and complained about this. If need be, Dave will insert a stake at this property.

Discussion to check meter readings / invoices for the Sagmiller property.

X. Adjournment 7:44pm

-- President announced the next General Meeting of the Board is scheduled on March 7, 2023, 7pm, at the Badrock Fire Department.