

Minutes 05-13-20

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie at 6:32 pm. All members were present on Zoom: Charles Tucker, Chair; Brent Miller, Treasurer; Dale Schaub, Secretary; and Dan Connors and Brian Cashore, Members.

No member of the public was present.

Brent Miller noted that all votes, when the meeting is conducted electronically, must be by roll call.

Secretary's report: Brent moved, and Brian seconded, that the Minutes of the regular meeting on March 11, 2020 be adopted, as printed, and distributed. It was unanimously voted by roll call.

Brent moved, and Brian seconded, that the Minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Fire District on March 10, 2020 be adopted, as printed, and distributed. It was unanimously voted by roll call.

Treasurer's Report: Brent presented the financial figures to date, noting that the monies collected from the district by the County had been received, and, that there was a small refund of our insurance premiums. Otherwise all was not particularly notable. He also noted that the audit for the year ending June 30, 2017, had been received and all was found to be OK. He noted that going forward we will be audited every three years, which will save some money.

Old business:

Hydrant at 301 Rimrock. Gary Wright was looking into this, and was not present, Charlie will follow up with him and report back.

Rehabilitation of Hilltop 7500 gallon tank, vs replacement.

Brian related that the tank lid had been taken to Troy to be sand blasted to see how much of an undertaking it would be, and that he had sealed the opening. Brian will follow up with Troy and let us know what he finds out.

Dale related at length his efforts at determining what a replacement, rather than rehabilitation would cost. A 7500 gallon tank would cost about \$14,000, including shipping, but not offloading it. The company he has been dealing with is PlasticMark, a nationwide broker of such things. The tank would meet all EPA codes. The estimate from Mark Wolters for removing the old tank and setting the new one totaled about \$28,000, due to the restricted area for working, the stone walls that would be destroyed and need to be rebuild, and the power pole which would need to be stabilized during the dig. And the existing concrete steps are over the tank in part as well.

Options to be considered are:

A smaller tank, which could be placed inside the bottom half of the existing tank, eliminating the rock wall issue, and maybe the power pole issue.

Relocating the tank altogether. This could bring the cost down appreciably. Easiest would be in the current easement, if it is big enough.

Not holding down the tank with deadmans. They are not included in the Wolters estimate.

No one present really knows where the water main runs from the tank to the area of the Hilltop well.

Brent will look at the parcel map and talk to Gary who may know about where the main runs, and to Harvey vanDyke who may know more about the size of the easement where the tank sits.

Dale noted that in talking with Gary, in his opinion a smaller tank may well be fine, given that Hilltop now has a well, and a 2500 gallon tank at the well site, and does not rely on the artesian source solely.

Dale will talk to Mark Wolters about the cost savings of a smaller tank, whether inside the current tank, or in a new location.

Paying for whatever we do: Brent has contacted.....about financing, but doubts they would be interested, since the amount is so small for them.

Painting the well house and pump house: Dan has paint to donate, Brent (and April) will pick the color(s), Charlie, Dale, and Brent volunteered to paint.

Landscaping around our facilities: Brian noted that it appeared that chemicals had been used around the artesian well site. Brent contacted Grasshopper who said it was not their policy. They offered to reduce the \$400/month fee, May – September, to \$350/month. Brian offered to keep the artesian well site cleared.

Brent moved, and Dan seconded, to employ Grasshopper for this summer, except for the artesian well site, it was unanimously voted by roll call.

Charlie reported on the April well depth testing, all but #4 where we got refusal, as often happens, were at depths in line with historic data.

Charlie reported on the locking out of the well house, Gary was having an extra key made and put in a hiding place. Charlie will check on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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