



COOKE CITY, PARK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
August 25th, 2016
6:00 pm

Location: Cooke City Fire Station Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance: Deb Purvis, Kay Whittle, Rick Sommers, Troy Wilson
Lucas Jack, Operator

Members absent: Brandon Richardson, Marilyn Hartley, Clerk

Public/Other Attendance: Bill Whittle

Chair, Deb Purvis, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Rick noted a discrepancy in the 'next meeting' date that should be corrected. Troy made motion to accept the minutes with Rick's correction to August 18th as the next meeting date and was seconded by Rick. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Cash report as of 7/31/16 was reviewed and showed a total cash balance of \$167,918.00 of which all but \$40,996.70 is held in mandatory reserve accounts.

The July Profit & Loss report was reviewed with no comment. Troy noted the consistent losses each month and that the District can't continue that way. Deb suggested that the EDU value be tackled again over the winter months.

The A/R Report from July 31st was reviewed with no notable issues.

During review of invoices presented, Deb brought up the Datamatic invoice again. The District is being pressured to pay it, but it is being reviewed by Attorney Emily. Lucas filled the Board in on what the Datamatic software does and reminded them of the issues he has with reading meters. Troy made a motion to have Marilyn send Datamatic a letter stating that the Board is not inclined to pay because their software doesn't accomplish its intended purpose for Lucas. Rick seconded and motion passed unanimously. Otherwise, Kay made a motion to approve the rest of the payments and was seconded by Troy. Everyone concurred and Board members signed bill payments for August as follows:

Chk #2691 USPS/Postmaster – 2 rolls of stamps + certified postage
Chk #2692 Montana DEQ - \$900.00 – Application fee for changing pump
Chk #2693 Performance Engineering - \$18,563.90 – Hydraulic Analysis
(Missing check #s used previously)
Chk #2708 Bridger Analytical Lab - \$28.00 – July Sample testing
Chk #2709 CenturyLink - \$104.61 – July Phone
Chk #2710 Datamatic - \$3927.55– Annual tech support (not mailed)
Chk #2711 Flathead Electric - \$1241.82 – August Electric
Chk #2712 Hartland LLC (Marilyn) - \$700 – August Accounting Services
Chk #2713 Lucas Jack - \$415.58 – August Salary (less deductions)
Chk #2714 Verizon Wireless - \$13.82 – July Cell Phone

Old Business:

Much discussion was had regarding the pressure issues on the east end of town and the Whittle's in particular. The engineers want the supply line for Antlers changed to 1 1/2 inches, but Bill and Kay would like to know the science behind it. They are tired of paying for things that don't make much difference. A suggestion was made to bump the pressure at the well house up by 10 to see what happens after Lucas completes pressure readings for the engineer at the current

setting. Bill Whittle offered to assist Lucas with getting the readings done. Kay stated that she doesn't want to just give up on ideas other than what the engineer says.

Bill communicated that he knew the system was designed for 22 million gallons per year. AS of this point in time, the system has already pumped 21 million gallons since January. In January alone, \$3 million was pumped. The general consensus is that there has to be a rather large leak somewhere, or several smaller ones. Since it's obvious that that amount of extra water isn't going into septic tanks, it has to be going somewhere else. Rick suggested that Lucas complete the stethoscope test recommended by the engineers to listen for leakage in the quiet of the middle of the night. Deb also said that she would have Marilyn check for the timing on the increase in electric bill to see if there's any clues there. Lucas indicated that he can get the pressure readings & listening done in the next week with Bill's help.

Deb let everyone know that Marilyn has submitted the request for the loan proceeds from Park County. She sent along copy of the by-laws from Ken Hufford and a copy of Clyde Park's current by-laws. The Park County Extension office has offered assistance in getting new by-laws written.

Operator Update: (Lucas)

Most of Lucas's update was indicated in the discussion during new business. However, he did the the Board know that lead and copper samples will need to be done in September.

Clerk Update: (Marilyn)

In her absence, Marilyn sent information indicating that preparing for the FY16 Audit and again sent along the FY17 proposed budget and a contract for her business to continue providing administrative clerk duties as an independent contractor. It was decided to table the budget decision until next meeting.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

With no further business to attend to, Kay made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Rick. Deb then adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th @ 6:00pm at the Fire House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hartley
District Clerk

BOARD APPROVAL:

Signatures on File

Date: _____