**Laclede Water District Date: July 13, 2016**

**Roll Call:**

Board Members present were: Roland Harter, Gene Courtney and Sharon Alhourani.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The June minutes were read. Susan asked that her last name be removed from the June minutes. Since there was no adjournment from the June minutes, Roland made a motion to adjourn the June meeting, 2nd by Sharon, all in favor, motion passed. A motion was made to approve the June minutes, with those changes, by Roland, 2nd by Sharon. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

There is still one position open on the board.

Overages/Base rate: There was discussion regarding the lowering of rates or increasing the base quantity of water. It was decided that for now the rates will stay the same until some history can be seen with the district with the lower operation costs.

Apartment Rate: A refund check has been issued to the apartment owner in the district for the difference between the 1.0 ERU and the .85 ERU cost for apartments, per the ordinances, for the period of April 2013 – May 2016.

**New Business:**

Lead & Copper Water Tests: The DEQ is requiring additional tests for lead. Questionnaires were sent out to all residences regarding the types of plumbing in the homes. From those returned questionnaires, 5 were chosen to be tested. These homes were chosen based on the year they were built and if they had lead piping. Results of these tests will be sent to the state by the end of month.

Operations-Infrastructure: The water produced by the plant has dropped back down to the average usage for the month. Quality tests are good. The issue with the flushing valve and hydrants on Santa Maria is being worked out. Gene is currently working on locating a contractor for the work. In the meantime, the residences have been ok’d to flush their systems on occasion if needed and will not be charged for overages for the month of July. There was a short power outage at the plant on the 15th of June. There was some data loss and reprogramming needed to get the SCADA system back online. We also had to purchase a new backup system for the computer.

Tanker Water Sales: The board has approved outside water purchases by contractors for the amount of $10.00 per 1000 gallons. The current contractor interested in purchasing the water will keep track of what he uses from the hydrant and will send the District an accounting of the use and a check for the purchase. Roland made a motion to accept this arrangement, 2nd by Gene, all in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report as of June 30, 2016**

* Reserve Account Restricted $ 21,575.72
* Mountain West Flex account $ 126,497.16
* Checking $ 149,670.64

Roland reviewed the bills to be paid. Water Systems Management is still charging a per hour rate for meter reading. They say they are still having trouble locating meters and also removing water from some of those meters is taking time. Gene will review the contract to determine the rate per meter charge for the meter reading and will report at the next board meeting.

There was also some discussion on the calculation of the spring meter reading. The rates billed for the spring catch up are based on a one month usage rather than averaged out over the winter. At this time there is no way to accurately determine a per month use through the winter so the calculation will stay the same.

The board approved the list of delinquent accounts that are having liens sent to the county at the end of the month. Roland made a motion to approve to send these accounts to the county as a lien, 2nd by Gene. All in favor, motion passed.

Roland made a motion to move $100,000.00 from the checking account into the interest bearing account at Mountain West Bank, 2nd by Gene. All in favor, motion passed.

Roland made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Gene. All in favor, motion passed.

Roland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17, 2nd by Gene. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

**Water User Forum:**