**Laclede Water District Date: Nov 08, 2023**

**Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 on November 8, 2023.

Dave Stevens, Gloria Fletcher, Kimberly Swank, Travis from the Mill and Bob from WSM were in attendance.

**Approve Minutes:**

October 11, 2023

Gloria made a motion, Kimberly 2nd. Passed

**Changes in Agenda:**

No changes

**Old Business**:

Guy Miller – Meter sale

Gloria reached out to Zach, our Attorney. He said if we couldn’t get him to pay, he probably can’t either. He said it would just end up costing us more money for him to write a letter. Dave suggested I write a letter to him then cc our Attorney at the bottom, but not send it to Zach. Gloria will see if Katy has his address.

2024 Budget Approval

Gloria brought copies of the Budget that Mike Kauffman had put together. Dave had questions. He said he looked at the previous Budget. He thinks they are close. Not many changes.

Dave has gone over the key points with Jeremy (the person who did the analysis) not on profit and loss but on the budget.

 Dave has a “tool” to look at the Budget. Dave would like to get together and discuss the budget and the rates of water usage he has been working on. Contract maintenance is going to have to be changed with the new one. We need to project it in the future.

Bob said the new system is not as automated as we think. After some discussion, we decided to approve the budget and take a closer look at it next month. Budget should have gone out last month.

Kimberly made a motion to approve the budget. Gloria seconded. Passed. Gloria will post it on the Web Page.

Ordinance review

Zach sent the budget he created and asked for a Zoom meeting. The request came so close to the time he wanted to have the meeting most of us didn’t see it. Plus, we wouldn’t have been able to even read it since it was almost 40 pages long.

Gloria said the document Zach sent is so complicated and hard to read that she didn’t like it. She said she knows what we are hoping for and still couldn’t figure out several parts of what Zach had included.

Dave had also sent out an Update on the old By-Laws. Dave made comments next to parts of his document. Again, we didn’t have time to review it.

Dave wants us to look at his document. He would like us to have a special meeting to discuss this and the document on rates not during the regular meeting. We need to come up with dates for a “special” meeting for these discussions. Maybe we will have Dave send out a request for free time from the Board to do this.

This is on hold for more review.

**Lot Combination Letter**

Justin had been working on this. He was unable to attend tonight. Discuss next month.

**New Business:**

No new business

**Plant Operation**

Bob passed out his water comparison and told us we are down by 2/3 from 4 years ago. Good news. No other problems with the plant.

Bob told us he almost hit a deer on the way to the meeting. He lives a long way away. It was suggested he call in to the meeting for 3 or 4 months during the winter. Gloria made sure he had her number to call.

**Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2023**

Kimberly gave the report.

Umpqua checking $420,931.69

Umpqua Reserve $31,712.20

Mountain West $222,672.62

**Review/Pay the bills**

We have $10, 614.70 in unpaid water bills. This is one of the reasons we need to change the By-Laws so we can be more proactive with these people. Kimberly made a motion to pay the bills, Gloria seconded it. Passed

**Water User Forum**

Travis said he has been having problems with getting the Mills water bills. He has been working with Katy on this. So, for the next few months, he would like to get paper and email bills. We shouldn’t be charging him a late fee for something beyond his control.

In Daves review of water usage, he has been looking at different customers and the Mills water usage. He says it’s not reporting correctly. Much discussion on that. This is another reason Dave would like a special meeting.

**Adjournment**

Gloria made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly seconded it at 6:35