

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2021, AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners: Chairman David Jones, and Commissioner Bassett, and Commissioner Whitmore. Also present: Superintendent Thomas Rooney.

- Meeting called to order at 2:35 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes from April 2021, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed Unanimously.**

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Rooney reported that Robert Our Company is making good progress on the Well #1 reconstruction. A new 8' gate valve to isolate the pumping station from the distribution system was installed in front of the building, and another 8" valve was installed for addition control at the intersection of Phinney's Lane and the access road to Well #1. He reported that the old roadway was removed, and the first binder coat of asphalt paving was installed. Mr. Rooney reported that the fire hydrant adjacent to Well #1 was replaced, and the new 100' sample tap for water dosage analysis instruments was installed in the water main. He also reported that a crushed stone bedding for the new treatment building was installed.

Superintendent Rooney reported that Robert Our is recommending a concrete pad be poured to support the new building. GZA GeoEnvironmental engineers consulted with the precast building supplier, United Concrete, and they contend that the concrete pad is not required. Mr. Rooney explained that Robert Our will provide an estimate for the addition of a concrete pad. Commissioner Whitmore asked what Superintendent Rooney's opinion of the requested change? Mr. Rooney informed the Board that he, and Senior Operator Ronald Tivey, feel that a concrete pad would be advantages to reduce the chance of the precast building settling unevenly.

Mr. Rooney Reported that a connection to the newly installed KOH tank is weeping chemical. Dankris Builders will be returning to address the leakage, and the final retainage payment for substantial completion will not be issued until the problem is resolved.

Water Rates

Superintendent Rooney explained that the debt service for projects related to PFAS remediation will add 164,000.00 in repayment costs to the 2022 fiscal year budget. Superintendent Rooney suggested increasing meter reading frequency from semiannually to quarterly. The Board agreed to the increase in reading frequency. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that GZA Engineer Thomas Sexton would prepare recommendations for rate and fee increases.

Letter To District Residents

In response to the Board's request, Superintendent Rooney presented an information notice to be distributed to Water Department customers to provide information about PFAS contamination, and what the Water Department is doing to address the issue. The notice also contains a drought advisory requesting that customers conserve water, and to water on different days based on odd and even house numbers.

Superintendent Rooney suggested that another notice be added to the October water bills to explain the change in reading frequency, and the new customer portal that will be supplied with the new billing software.

Optional Meter Request

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter Request applications for 25 Kent Road, and 94 Commerce Road. Chairman Jones asked for a **motion** to approve the requests. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the requests, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Water Department is back to normal operations after the lifting of Covid-19 safety protocols, and that the District office is not open for public access.

Collector Vermette presented an Abatement Request for 111 Sunset Lane. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded by Chairman Jones**. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rooney presented a request from a mountain bike club to create a new bike trail on Fire District property adjacent to Old Jail Lane. Mr. Rooney explained that the proposed trail would enter into the Zone 1, 400' radius from the well. The Board was not in favor of increasing public access to the wellfield.

There being no further business, Chairman Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously**. The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney