

**MINUTES**  
**FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 15, 2017 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Monath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:**

Directors present: Monath, Gooch, Snyder, Ontano  
Director Colby arrived at 6:25

Directors absent:

**VISITORS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Allan Driscoll from Forsgren wanted to introduce himself to the board and staff. He has been with Forsgren 15 years and has been in the background during the time Forsgren has been working with the district.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 01.11.17.

Director Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Gooch seconded the motion and was passed by a vote of 4 ayes. (Snyder, Monath, Gooch, Ontano) (Colby not present)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Monath reported that he and Bill had a long discussion with Mr. Driscoll today, agreeing that Forsgren has done a good job for the district and hope it will continue in the future.

The district recently purchased a "mole" which will be put to good use in improving our infrastructure. We received extra tax revenue in the amount of \$66,000. This will be helpful in improvements to our system.

GM Johnson spoken with Craig Knoch regarding the Knoch Well and possibly adding that to our system. The water would have to be tested, but now there isn't a pump in it. At one time, the district did have a pump down the well, but removed it some years ago. Bill will check with Craig Knoch on the possibility they installed a pump. Mr. Driscoll cautioned the board on having the well tested, because the water that is in the bottom of that well is going to be stagnant, while sitting in a steel casing that is probably contributing iron and manganese and various bacteria growing in the water. The district may not want that water quality sample in our records. He advised if we do collect a sample, be sure to have it properly purged to get fresh water from the formation, not stagnant water.

Chairman Monath, Casey and Bill have discussed the prospect of getting a portable generator that could be used at the well site or the hospital in an emergency. There is a very old propane run motor as a backup at the well but it is not known how safe it is.

**Water & Sewer:** Bill Johnson

- Water samples good to date
- Casey is looking forward to using the "mole" starting with improving water service to the North end of Long Street.
- Outside operations have been very busy dealing with issues due to the amount of snow we have had.

There was discussion about having the water tested at an old well at the ball park. Chairman Monath directed GM Johnson to have the well tested. GM Johnson stated if the water test shows the well is ok to use, we will probably have to enlarge the seal.

Director Snyder asked due to the rain, has it brought to the surface any weaknesses in the infrastructure. GM Johnson responded no, just the alarm at the Napa station due to a timing issue.

The ponds have not been affected as we do not use nearly what they are capable of.

Director Snyder suggested looking for infrastructure weaknesses whenever there is an extreme event like the flooding that happened.

### **Parks & Rec:**

Director Gooch has wanted a meeting with Andrew Braugh, as she feels we are out of the loop. GM Johnson has been in contact with Mr. Braugh and was told there isn't much going on right now. He did state that the Stewardship Council has agreed to fund the Water Ways initial architectural work of a little over \$40,000 but this only in principal and would not be formalized until their next meeting.

After making some good points, GM Johnson and Director Snyder agreed a meeting would be beneficial.

### **Manager Report: Bill Johnson**

- Jim Cook has sent out requests for qualifications to prospective engineering firms regarding the sewer planning grant. We have been getting some activity on that. GM Johnson has a meeting with the Intermountain Fair Heritage Board this month to give them an overview of what the planning grant is going to do and answer any questions they might have.
- Andrew Braugh and Waterways Consulting developed a scope of work including mapping and preliminary designs for approximately \$40,000, which was submitted to the Stewardship council, who have agreed to fund the work.
- We have received our new "mole". This is a horizontal boring machine enabling pipe to be placed below a street without digging an open trench.
- Operating revenue for the January billing cycle was \$33,220.75, 15% under the budgeted amount of \$39,240.00. Due to the heavy snow season, meters could not be read and were estimated. This is possibly the reason for the low revenue total.
- Water loss figures were not available since meters were not read.
- Total operating expenses, including labor, was \$27,823.29. The budgeted amount was \$35,988.76, this included \$4,000.00 in park expenses, which was not used.
- The operating account balance is \$6,228.68.
- The savings account balance is \$89,344.03.
- The Capital Improvement Reserve has a balance of \$38,233.02.
- Shasta County Auditor Brian Muir discovered miscalculations dating back to 1992 regarding the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund, from which the district has received a payment of \$66,000 in back taxes owed. That amount combined with our normal property tax payment resulted in a check for \$88,855.60.
- Various debt reserve accounts are fully funded per the requirements of our lenders.
- Accounts payable, exclusive of grant reimbursable items, total \$722.74

Director Snyder asked if we ever test the water at the well site. Bill was not sure where the test sites are that Casey draws the water, but he does not believe the well is one. Snyder's question was in relation to the higher water tables and whether **nitrates** could be brought in. Bill said the well does have a sanitary seal down 50 feet. Most of the nitrates are close to the surface but he does not know if that is far enough to avoid nitrates.

Director Snyder also asked what information to we give engineers to let them know what kind of sewer plan we need, specifically for climate change. As the bidding is being done he wants to know what the weak points in our sewer system are, in event of extreme weather so we can predict. He wants climate change to be more a part of the sewer plan if possible and to let engineers know that when we put it out to bid. That is, if the board agrees.

Mr. Driscoll was asked if climate change is automatically considered or are there state guidelines. Mr. Driscoll answered with studies are all different and the board typically drives the direction of a study like this. There is a standard study, but if the board is interested in the effects of extreme weather or climate change, that is an emphasis that can be placed on the study. Normally there would be a discussion on that and look more closely on it. The topic of climate change should be included early in the process.

**Treasurer Report:** Bill Johnson

**Financial Report:**

Bernice informed the board that she had to make an adjustment on January's payroll because the first payroll for February was processed on January 31. She will also have to make an adjustment in February otherwise it will only show one payroll period rather than two for the month.

There were questions on truck expenses, which was year to date on all vehicles. Bernice went through a list of those expenses. The Ford pickup had a lot of expenses because it had to be repaired to the point that it could haul the excavator.

Chairman Monath cited for information only, that the backhoe has cost the district a lot of money in repairs. He feels it is not cost effective to put money in this old piece of equipment especially now that we have an excavator. There will be more discussion about this at a later date.

**Approve Financials:**

- Director Ontano made a motion to pay the bills. Director Colby seconded the motion and was passed by 5 ayes. (Snyder, Monath, Gooch, Ontano, Colby)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm**

**The next board meeting is 03-15-17**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bill Johnson, General Manager

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Date

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Jerry Monath, Chairman of the Board

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Date