

MINUTES
FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 14
October 14, 2020 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Monath called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:

Directors present: Gooch, DeWitt, Monath, Colby, Ontano

Directors Absent: None

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 9/16/20

Director Colby made a motion to approve the minutes for 9/16/20. Director Gooch seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5 ayes. (Gooch, DeWitt, Ontano, Monath, Colby)

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

Chairman Report:

- **Jerry Monath**
 - o The roof is being replaced.
 - Some of the sheathing is not in good shape and may have termite damage
 - Gutter has been added to the job
 - o Gary Cox came in and assessed ADA access in the building
 - It is something that may need to be dealt with at a later date
 - o Talked with Rod McArthur about the purchase of the McArthur parcel
 - The family must discuss a definite purchase price and will get back to the District

Parks & Rec:

- Bill Johnson
 - o Two Rivers Park
 - Two Rivers Park has not yet received its notice of termination from the state water quality control agency. The concern is lack of vegetative coverage on the ground that was contoured following demolition of the old building and the areas that were paved. There is potential, however slight, that silty runoff could follow a storm event if this is not addressed. McEntire Landscaping, the company responsible for this effort, took measures to prevent such runoff, including distributing straw over the area in question. I checked on the runoff after the straw treatment was in place, and it was clear. Still, we need the coverage to satisfy our regulators. McEntire dispatched an employee in late September to distribute rye grass seed over the area, which will germinate following the first significant rain this fall. It is anticipated that the notice of termination will be issued once this occurs.
 - The noxious weed control effort at Two Rivers Park is a five-year program to address invasive species such as yellow star thistle and puncture vine, both of which are thriving

at the site. I contacted the Shasta County Department of Agriculture to seek assistance with controlling these pests, and discovered they have a grant to eliminate these weeds. In discussions with McEntire Landscaping aimed at coordinating these efforts, a new development arose. Mr. McEntire has extensive family roots in the area, including the Lee family. McEntire Landscaping offered to donate the first year of this weed control program in memory of the Lees. I accepted the offer and notified the county ag folks that we won't be needing their services, at least for the time being.

- Waiting on an answer regarding the Stewardship Council Grant application.
 - Were asked to rank tasks in order of importance because all applicants upped their request amounts.
- The Fall River Lake Trail is still on hold for the "Advice Letter" from PG&E.
 - Construction unlikely until 2021

Treasurer Report:

- Amber Beck
 - Accounts payable are all current.
 - The billing system is now being used
 - Customers can go online to make payments and look at account information
 - Unfortunately, the connection is slow because of our frontier internet
 - Trying to connect with Com-Pair to see about getting their service and if they want an antenna or satellite up at the tanks.
 - The auditors came on 10/16 and 10/17. They have everything they need to complete the audit for FYE 2020
 - Revenue is \$70,000 which is about \$10,000 over budget for the month.
 - There is just under \$2,000 in bulk water revenue
 - Employee expenses are about \$2,000 under budget, at about \$27,000
 - The operating expenses are about \$20,000, which is right on budget for the month
 - Net Income for September is about \$22,592
 - Approve Financials:
Director DeWitt made a motion to approve the invoices to be paid for the month of September. Director Ontano seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5 ayes. (Gooch, DeWitt, Monath, Ontano, Colby)

Operations Report:

- William Rodeski
 - This month we put the cistern project into standby mode until we figure out the easement issues in front of the property
 - Joe and I both were able to sit for our D1 and D2 water distribution test. We should see results by the end of the year.
 - There has been a power surge issue with the McArthur well. Mark Thomas with Quicksilver electric and PG&E have been working together to figure out what the issue is and we will report back as soon as we get any answers.
 - Water loss was at 2.6 MG. for the month of Sept. Which is a 4% increase from last month. All meters have been read and bacti samples were negative.
 - We are continuing to investigate the ongoing increase in water loss and we have no other adverse situations to report.

Managers Report:

- Cecil Ray
 - Airport Test Well Project
 - Randy Marx, Project Administrator, is soliciting proposals from hydrogeologists to look for a suitable site in the Fall River Mills area, with water quality being the major consideration.

- This will delay the project, but it will hopefully keep the District out of the water treatment business.
- McArthur Well Tank Project
 - Hoping to have an agreement in place within a month for the purchase of the property.
 - Hoss Bader has been retained to represent the District in the purchase of the property.
 - Geotech has been finalized subject to review by Cecil and Sergio Guillen
- Projects:
 - District Office
 - The roof replacement should be completed by the end of the week
 - Electrical upgrades will take place this winter to facilitate Quicksilver Electrics availability.
 - Standby Electrical Generator – Bridge St. Lift Station
 - During the power outage in September the unit was leaking oil
 - Engine is getting a complete tune up and should be completed by the end of October.
 - McArthur Bulk Water Filling Station
 - Put on hold until Spring
 - The removed fencing was creating security problems for the fairgrounds.
 - Need to check the Districts easement as far as that property is concerned.
 - Pit River Bridge Replacement
 - Been in communication with Bob Morrison, the design engineer for the project.
 - Formulated a plan to upsize the water piping from 8" to 10" from the intersection of Bridge and Main, across the bridge and to the existing hydrant.
 - The hydrant at Two Rivers Park will be abandoned and a new one will be installed next to the parking lot.
 - The fire District has agreed that fire water service will not have to be maintained during the bridge construction.
 - Should reduce the construction cost
 - Hoping that the director of public works will bless the plan
 - The upgrade will help with water distribution and enhance flows should a well be developed across the river.
 - Knoch Well
 - Research was done on whether the Knoch well would be a viable option for the District.
 - No well drillers report was filed
 - The Knoch family is not interested at this time
 - All documents GM Ray was able to find have been saved and also a copy was given to Craig Knoch.
- Engineering Support:
 - Sewer Rate Analysis
 - Sergio Guillen is finalizing his rate study relative to the ERU and how to apply it
 - He should have it ready to present by the November board meeting.
 - By the December meeting the 218 process could begin
 - McArthur Tank Project
 - There was discussion with Sergio about the direction GM Rooklidge was going with the tank project, solar array and drilling a new secondary well.
 - There was also discussion of increasing the existing wells flow capacity for a short-term solution the Districts water shortage problem.
 - Sergio and GM Ray will continue to weigh the options
- Operations and Staff
 - The operators took the D2 And D1 Water Certification tests in Redding
 - They, and the proctor, felt they did well
 - It may take several weeks to find out the results

- The staff has been tremendously helpful in achieving an understanding of all operations
- Working on finalizing an application for a wastewater treatment operator waiver
 - The waiver would be valid for 4 years for an \$800 fee.
 - The District will eventually need to hire a “mentor” Operator for everyone to get wastewater certification. First the operators and GM need to pass the OIT exam.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider ERU’s and any action necessary in the 218 process to raise the sewer rates
 - Table until the ERU study is completed by Sergio Guillen.
- Discuss Fairgrounds Well
 - Need to get a general direction on what the board thinks of the fairground’s proposal about their proposed well that they received grant funding for.
 - The Heritage Foundation would like to know if the District is interested in maintaining and using their licenses for a well that they hope to get drilled with grant funding.
 - The District could use as backup during the busy times when the McArthur well is at its capacity.
 - If the District is not interest in a partnership, they will drill a non-potable water well and not a drinking water well.
 - The District would have to work around the fairground’s schedule, and they would retain ownership.
 - General consensus of the board is that it may not be in the Districts best interest but will see what develops.
- Consider ADA Building Improvements
 - Think about the improvements they may need to be made in the future
 - Considering expanding the front office to have room for Amber, Bill, and a future office helper
 - When building permits are acquired, we will have to be ADA compliant.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

- **The next board meeting is 11/11/2020**

Respectfully Submitted,

General Manager

Date

Board Chair

Date