

MINUTES
FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 17, 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: Snyder, Ontano, Monath, Gooch, Colby

VISITORS: Alan Driscoll, Jim Cook, Walt Caldwell, Andrew Bentz

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 04.12.17.
 - o Director Colby made motion to approve minutes as written. Director Snyder seconded and motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5 ayes. (Snyder, Ontano, Monath, Gooch, Colby)

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

REPORTS:

Operations Report:

- o Casey Rodriguez was unable to attend so wrote up an operations report for the meeting. Main points for April were:
 - Coliform samples for March & April were clear of any bacteria.
 - 20 meters were replaced with touch meters since March 1st and replacement will continue. Would like to replace around 16 per month.
 - The 1st round of lead testing in the FRJUSD has been completed and we are waiting for results.
 - The water main replacement at Bridge and Main has been completed.
 - May 30-31st will begin the hydrant replacement project at the county yard.

Manager Report:

- Bill Johnson
 - o The tanks were inspected and cleaned on the 10th of April with good results. The interiors are in good shape, however they will need to be repainted sometime in the future. The expense of this is unknown but could be somewhere upwards of \$40,000-50,000.
 - o GM Johnson attended a public meeting concerning groundwater in the Fall River Valley. Sometime around August the groundwater here will be reevaluated.
 - o GM Johnson also met with LAFCO's director to discuss annexations in regards to the Pine Grove Mobile Home Park.
 - o Operating revenue for April was \$42,967, a bit lower than budgeted while operating expenses were approximately \$4,000 over budget. This was mainly due to unexpected repairs to the Chevy S10 pickup.

- We had a 27% water loss for the month of April, down from 31% in March. Chairman Monath commented that there was a leak at the fairgrounds that we are currently investigating that could be accounting for some of this loss.

Parks & Rec:

- Directors Snyder and Gooch
 - Nothing to report at this time. They had planned on meeting with Andrew Braugh last month but the meeting had to be delayed.

Treasurer Reports:

- Chairman Monath
 - Financial Report:
 - Chairman Monath questioned the balances due in the aged accounts for Hat Creek Construction. GM Johnson confirmed that we had a bridge loan to cover these amounts in the event that NorCal-Neva did not come through with their funding in due time.
 - Approve Financials:
 - Sky Snyder made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. Director Ontano seconded the motion and was passed unanimously by 5 ayes. (Snyder, Monath, Gooch, Ontano, Colby)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Consideration of the annexation of just Pine Grove Mobile Home Park or the entire area between Hwy 299 and Lewis and William's Rd.
 - The water at Pine Grove currently has high levels of iron and manganese and the County has mandated that they make a change to improve their water.
 - To annex the remaining parcels you would need to go door to door and get everyone to agree to it. If not everyone agreed, then you would need to get it approved as a ballot measure at the districts expense and it would have to get a vote of 51% to pass.
 - LAFCO has offered to annex all the "islands" at a one-time price of \$1600.
 - We may have a chance to get an easement from Carpenter's trucking and be able to get water hooked up to the mobile home park much cheaper. If we don't, then we would have to go down the highway at a much greater expense.
 - GM Johnson proposed the question of whether we should require that the mobile home park pay for the expense of bringing the line across Carpenter's. Director Monath commented that he felt we are responsible for everything on our side of the meter and their hook-up fee should be enough to cover the cost of that. In addition, there is a good possibility that grant money will be available to help the mobile home park pay for this expense.
 - Director Snyder expressed the idea of contacting the other parcels on Williams Rd to determine if there is any interest in hooking up to city water and also to possibly offer to test their water for them. GM Johnson will find out what it would cost for a water test for iron and manganese levels.
 - Director Gooch wondered if we could start the line part way down Williams Rd and then brought it into the park. Chairman **Monath** responded that if we did that we would have to go with an 8" pipe rather than a 2" PVC pipe.
 - Alan Driscoll advised that we keep in mind the impact to the remainder of our customers when we add more hook-ups.
 - Jim Cook proposed that we get a couple of the people to test their water and if it is bad, then they would likely organize themselves and get on board.

- Director Colby motioned to annex just Pine Grove Mobile Home Park at this time. Kathy Ontano seconded and the motion was passed unanimously by 5 ayes. (Monath, Colby, Gooch, Ontano, Snyder)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Alan Driscoll with Forsgren & Associates
 - Water tank/pump station project and waste water study
 - Kickoff meetings set for tomorrow May 18th to establish roles and develop a schedule.
 - Knoch's well
 - Two issues, 1) determine if the water quality is still good and, 2) investigate why this well produces sand.
 - Recommend establishing an agreement before investing any money in this well. Then assess the well head so that we can do some water quality testing.
 - If the quality is good, then assess the physical condition of the well and determine where the sand is coming from. Would make a down-hole video and examine the casing for any perforations. Since the well hasn't been used in a while, the well may just need to be cleaned or redeveloped.
- Bill Johnson
 - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - There is a question on whether or not we will be subject to this act. If so we may have to come up with a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. At this time only people that are drawing from a medium or high priority basin are required to do that.
 - We will be re-evaluated this summer to determine our priority status. Criteria includes the number of wells in the valley and their use.
 - We are currently a low priority but will be evaluated again in 4 years.
 - GM Johnson doesn't feel like we will get bumped up at this time and if we did we would likely play a small role in the sustainability agency. This district uses a low amount of water and our boundary is very small compared to the boundaries of the groundwater basin.
- Bill Johnson
 - 2017/18 Budget
 - The budget committee met and were in agreement but did make a few changes.
 - Increased the amount for training/education for Larry and Martina.
 - Added \$9500.00 for a temporary summer employee.
 - Increased the amount for fuel, truck maintenance, and mileage.
 - Increased the amount to allow for a full-time general manager.
 - Decreased finance charges as there won't be any loan origination charges for RCAC this year.
 - Removed tank inspection from outside services.
 - Increased engineering to \$820 per month to allow to consult engineers to protect the longevity of our system.
 - Chairman Monath had concerns that we were not allowing enough money in the budget for engineering and recommended that we increase that amount to \$20,000-\$24,000.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

The next board meeting is 06-14-17

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Johnson, General Manager

Date

Jerry Monath, Chairman of the Board

Date