

Ochoco West Water and Sanitary Authority
Board Meeting
May 09, 2023

Minutes

Ross Scrocca calls the meeting to order at 6:17 PM

Board Members Present

Rick Lopez
Ross Scrocca
JoAnn Horton
Mary Scrocca
Austin Thompson
Michael Papin

Guest Present

Ray Horton
Kathy Friese
Doug Boggs
Dave Steele
Shawn Young
Ed Howard

Absent:

Dan Parks

Public Comment/Open Forum/Speakers

Shawn Young presented the new property line survey done by Kelso Surveying for the new property lines for block 20 Lot 15. The OWWSA traded a small piece of community property to allow them to move their property line away from the front of their home. Motion made by Ross to accept the new property line adjustment. Second by Mike. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

Ed Howard from Prinetime internet presents their plan to begin installing fibeoptics in the community to help with internet speeds for those who wish to upgrade once the system is in place.

Changes to Agenda

Add Maintenance road to new business. Motion by Ross, Second by Mike. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

JoAnn makes a motion to accept the April 11, 2023 minutes as presented. Second by Mary. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

Sanitary Report

The sanitary report was presented by Ray. The level of cell 1 is 4'7". The level for cell 2 is 7'8". During the month of April we had an inflow of 608,050 gallons. Daily minimum was

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14,075, daily maximum was 32,074. Average use per dwelling was 140 gallons per day and average gallons per day for the community was 19,615 gallons. Irrigation was started this month but no current numbers on hand.

Water Report

The water report was presented by Ray. 860,290 gallons was pumped in the month of April. The daily average was 28,676 gallons; the pump hours for the month were 118.50 which averages out to 3.95 hours per day. Currently spring flow was 30 GPM. We pumped 860,290 gallons in April 2023 vs 906,130 gallons in April 2022 giving an decrease of 45,840 gallons in 2023.

Financials

Payroll

Mike makes a motion to accept the May 2023 payroll as presented. Second by Rick. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

Bills

Rick makes a motion to approve the May 2023 bills as presented. Second by Austin. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

New Business

Riding Lawn Mower Purchase

Ray requests approval to purchase a new riding mower for the company. The current Craftsman has been in use for over ten years and has been nickel and diming the company for parts and labor the last couple years. This mower gets quite a bit of use and would be a detriment to lose it for an extended period of time. Ray has done research and can replace the unit depending on unit purchased for between \$2500 and \$2700. Mary makes a motion to approve the purchase of a new riding mower for no more than \$2700.00. Second by Rick. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

Truck A/C Repair

Rays work truck has not had operational A/C for the last two summers. This vehicle is used monthly for water meter reading and all of Rays operational duties. Ray had the system checked out and will have to have all components replaced due to compressor failure. The quote from Kings auto is \$2900.00 with a lifetime warranty on all parts and labor. Mike makes a motion to approve the A/C repair on Rays work truck. Second by Mary. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

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Maintenance Road

There are still issues being reported of people using the road going past the shop and up around the fire break. Discussion was made about posting signs farther up the road by the well house but determined that this would more than likely be a useless endeavor. Discussion was made about placing another gate just above the "y" going to the well house to block the access going to the fire break area. Mary makes a motion for Ray to purchase and install a gate at that location with another solar operated opener. Second by Austin. No further discussion, motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

Accountant Issue

Ray, Kathy and Rick met with Randy at Capstone CPA's to discuss the issue we have been having with lack of support from their firm. Randy assured us that they have a new team of employees who are now going to manage our account including him as CPA, that they did not want to lose our business and they were going to do everything in their power to get our account straightened out and keep it up to date in the future. The board has decided to continue with them for now and see how the new team works out before looking into a new accounting firm.

Bond Payment Liens

Ray spoke with Eileen Eakins (lawyer) about this subject and was informed that there should be either adopted resolutions or ordinances from the past that may cover this issue. After doing some searching through historical documents Ray was unable to locate any such items that had been adopted. Ray was able to locate two revised ordinances on the computer that have not been adopted that may just need some new verbiage and updates to be what we need. Eileen is currently in possession of these documents and will look them over and update as she deems necessary to fit our needs. Once complete she will return for review.

New Hire

Ray has currently received three resumes for the upcoming position opening. They have all been forwarded to the board members for review. Members will set a time and date at the next board meeting for interviews.

Nye Waterline

Ray hired a vac truck from SMAF to come out and help locate our missing line from Morrow to Nye. Once the weather has cleared and Chad has the opening we will complete this project.

Announcements

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Member Terms

2023-Dan Parks / Austin Thompson /Ross Scrocca/Mike Papin

2025-/Mary Scrocca/ JoAnn Horton / Rick Lopez

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:03 P.M.