

Wynola Water District
Board of Directors Minutes of the Meeting
Held at Wynola Pizza 4355 CA.-78
9:00 a.m. August 14, 2021

Meeting start: 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

- Steve Kincaid
- Ron Placa
- Sandie McCann
- Bonni Cogan

The minutes of July 23, 2021 were approved as corrected. Steve Kincaid made a motion to accept. Bonni Cogan seconded the motion. Ayes Kincaid, Placa, McCann and Cogan.

Operations Report:

Status of Water:

- Albert Simonson reported that the water levels were normal on all operating wells.
- Well #10 is off.
- Lots of rodents at the pumphouse, but Albert has put up many traps and is slowly winning.
- Water quality testing was done this last July 2021. Results show no bacteria in any of the wells. There is still a high iron and manganese content in the wells. This causes discoloration of water.

Status of Repairs:

- Ron Placa reported that Vincente cut down two trees near the pumphouse per the insurance company's request. The third tree will be cut down by SDG&E because the limbs are overlapping onto the electrical wires. This should be done by next week.
- Fire hydrants are being cleaned up and shut off valves are being evaluated at each hydrant. This is in preparation for the eventual flushing of the lines.
- Ron put moth balls inside the generator at the pumphouse to keep the rodents from eating the wires. This should also be done in each individual generator on resident's properties.

Treasurer's Report:

- As of 8/13/21, the bank account had \$329,341.37.

Old Business:

By-Laws:

- Sandie McCann has been doing research on other water board by-laws in California. She has asked anyone that is interested in helping her rewrite our by-laws to contact her.

HOA:

- Kathy Geckeler talked about the Homeowners Association and their need for board members. Contact Kathy if you are interested.

Prospective Board Members:

- John Lofgreen, Jim Madaffer and Cuong Tran are interested in filling the fifth empty board seat.

Elections:

- The Wynola Water District Board voted on secret ballots and selected Jim Madaffer to fill seat two expiring 12/6/2024.

Grants:

- Sandie McCann is looking into what grants are available to help with the repairs to the pumphouse and other needed repairs around the WWD.

Pumphouse:

- Vincente is cleaning up debris and weeds on the pumphouse property per insurance requests.

Sprinkler System:

- Sandie McCann talked to her son, Neal McCann, who is a Battalion Chief for Orange County Fire Department about the pros and cons of having a sprinkler system on the pumphouse.
- They diminish the water pressure when water is being used by firefighters to fight a fire.
- Depending on the wind factor, sprinklers are not always efficient.
- Best way to minimize fire problems is to clear the property and put a tin roof over the pumphouse. This suggestion was an interesting idea, so Sandie will investigate costs of a tin roof.

Hydrants:

- Ron is directing Vincente to clean about five feet around the fire hydrants so that they are readily accessible by the fire department and for flushing the system.

Audit:

- Bonni is currently in discussion with Irene, the auditor from Sonnenberg CPA to finish up the audit of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The completed audit will be discussed at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

- **Jim Madaffer-President**
- **Ron Placa-Vice President**
- **Treasurer-Bonni Cogan**
- **Secretary-non board member Karen Kincaid**

Water Operator:

- **Bonni Cogan suggested we go out for bids to other water operators who might be less expensive. We currently pay WQS Quality Specialist (WQS) \$1000 a month for their services.**
- **CalWARN: It was suggested that we join CalWARN. This organization allows us to collaborate with other water boards about problems we are encountering. Membership is free unless we use their services. Bonni Cogan moved that we join this organization. It was seconded by Ron Placa. The motion was approved.**

Budget:

- **Bonni Cogan will be working on finishing the budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year. She will be including in the budget the cost of closing nonproducing wells, flushing the lines and hydrants.**

Next Meeting:

- **The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Location TBD.**

Public Commentary:

- **Water costs and quality of the water are a big concern to the homeowners.**
- **Homeowners are asking for the next rate increase to be delayed and possibly stretched to a longer length of time.**
- **Homeowners want the lines to be flushed.**

Workshop:

- **Jim Madaffer suggested we have a board workshop and bring in other water boards to see how they handle the quality of their water and what types of filtration systems they use. This meeting will be on October 16, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Location TBD.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:24. It was moved by Bonni Cogan and seconded by Ron Placa. All board members approved the motion.