

# **New Avenue Mutual Water Company**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **Summary**

August 16, 2022

Alan Heinzen Residence  
2482 Howell Lane  
Gilroy, CA

Board Members New Avenue Mutual Water Company (NAMWCO); Mike DiPietro, Joe Cardinalli, Alan Heinzen, Jae Schwartz, Jim Armstrong, Dave Biasotti.

Board Members absent: None

Guests: None

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mike DiPietro at 7:05 pm
2. Review and Approval of Minutes for June 30, 2022. Motion Jae, Second Dave, all in favor. Minutes approved.
3. Financial Report, Jim Armstrong.

Jim reported the following information: Chase Checking balance \$264,705. Chase Savings balance \$168,679. (Last meeting August 16, 2022, balances: Chase Checking balance \$269,165. Chase Savings balance \$168,675).

Eagleberry Tax Service no new updates to report at this time.

4. Presidents Report - General Discussion: Mike DiPietro.

Pending: Mike will draft a letter to all Water Company members on the need to save water and the possibility of a rate increase. Letter will go out in the billing cycle.

5. Manganese Action Plan Updates: Jae Schwartz.

Jae gave an update on *Water Quality – Manganese Contamination Issues Well #3*:

Next report due September 10<sup>th</sup>. Jae is gathering data and will continue researching for the report. He will send out the draft report to Board of Directors for input. An option is to raise the level of the pump and chlorinate the water more often. Since all three wells come from the same aquifer the problem in Well #3 could be the hardware itself.

Contamination levels on the graph/chart are still not in the area of major concern, however they have risen slightly. We are still under the direction of the State not to use Well # 3 until the manganese's problem is resolved. We will continue to test and monitor. If Manganese levels do not increase and are within the safe zone we may be able to run Well #3 for a short period of time and continue testing.

Alan reported that Chappell Pump (Randy and John) said they had "scrubbed a well before" with the same issues as ours and it did not make any difference. Mike recommends we have Maggiora Brothers take samples at Well #3 from different levels, to see what they are reading, to help pinpoint the contamination.

Jae is in conversations with consultant Tom Ballard at Well Rehabilitation Service, Inc. the rehab estimate is now at \$32,000 for Well #3. We would need to get a scope of work and firm quotes on the work to be done. The rehab is a complex process; removing the well insides/casings, cleaning/acid washing, videotaping of the well interior, etc. and bring the well back on line. However, it is not guaranteed this process will take care of the problem.

Action Plan: Board to review estimates/quotes and come up with our own action plan, timeline and budget. Jae will keep us posted as he gets more information back.

6. Water Usage and Levels: Dave Biasotti.

Dave had Eagleberry Tax Service, include in water bills the individual members water usage data. The data included last year's usage and current usage so they will have a bench mark to start to track their own water use. Dave is working on a three-year comparison, and a 6 month and 12 months use report for the current year. Currently, 58 members used less water and 50 members used more water in this period. Overall, use is down 7.8% for this

period of water use.

7. Road Committee – On Hold: Dave Biasotti.

Action item on hold. Roads Committee item to be kept on agenda for future discussions. It was agreed that this Item needs to be discussed at an in-person meeting to gather input from entire membership.

8. Maintenance and Operations: Alan Heinzen.

At the beginning of August, the cross over line broke at the end of Duke Drive. It happened on Sunday and had a crack in the pipe. Alan and crew repaired. We still need to address our long-time maintenance needs to replace the old water lines. We have 108 meters and approximately 20 miles of underground pipe. The Bridle Path loop is PVC.

Water Table has been stable but is starting to lower. We continue to sell approximately 80% of our water.

General Operations: We continue pumping from Well #1 and #2 for our daily water needs. We are running Well #3 a minimal amount of time to keep the well in good working order and for the overall maintenance of the well.

9. Old Business:

10. New Business: None

11. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, September 29, 2022, @ 7 PM, at Jae Schwartz House, 2525 Bridle Path Drive.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Cardinalli, Board Secretary.