

New Avenue Mutual Water Company

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Summary

May 26, 2022

Dave Biasotti's House,
2471 Bridle Path Drive
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: Verbal Minutes approved for April meeting.

3. Financial Report, Jim Armstrong.

Jim reported the following information: Chase Checking balance \$269,165. Chase Savings balance \$168,675.

Egleberry Tax Service no new updates to report at this time

4. Presidents Report - General Discussion: Mike DiPietro.

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 next billing cycle.

5. Manganese Action Plan Updates: Jae Schwartz.

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

Jae is still researching and collecting data so we can make the best decision for our water system members. Contamination levels on the graph/chart are constant and are still not in the area of major concern, however the state sees it differently. We are under their direction not to use Well # 3 until the manganese's problem is resolved.

Mike recommends we have Maggiora Brothers take samples at Well #3 from different levels, see what they are reading, and it may help pinpoint the contamination.

Jae is in conversations with consultant Tom Ballard and Well Rehabilitation Service, Inc. to get a scope of work and 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.

If needed we can have a special meeting to review Well Rehabilitation cost estimates and time line. Otherwise, at the next meeting we can 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 gave Jackie, Egleberry Tax Service, the water company members water usage data that we would like included in the next billing cycle. The data shows last year's usage and current usage so they will have a bench mark to start to track their own water. This will hopefully give them an incentive to save water and be more aware of the pending water issues. Dave will also include a three-year comparison.

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.

Water Table has been stable but is starting to lower. Alan will meet with Maggiora Brothers Drilling, 595 Airport Blvd, Watsonville, this week to discuss the manganese issues. We are selling approximately 80% of our water.

Still pumping from Well #1 and #2, and only running Well #3 minimal amount of time to keep the well in working order and for overall maintenance and operations.

9. Old Business: Ciara Mullen payment pending. Joe will pay her directly and get reimbursed.

10. New Business: None

11. Next Board Meeting in person: Wednesday, June 30, 2022, @ 7 PM, at Mike DiPietro's House, 9547 Estates Drive.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Cardinalli, Board Secretary.