

**New Avenue Mutual Water  
Company  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Summary**

May 24, 2023

Heinzen Residence,  
Gilroy, CA

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

Board Members absent: Mike DiPietro

Guests: None

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order by Alan Heinzen at 7:20 pm
2. Review and Approval of Minutes for April 26, 2023 : Motion to approve minutes made by Jim and Second by Joe. Vote taken all in favor, minutes approved.
3. Financial Report, Jim Armstrong.

Jim reported the following information as of May 24, 2023: Chase Checking balance \$145,403. Chase Savings balance \$168,692.

(Last meeting March Chase Checking balance \$146,405. Chase Savings balance \$168,691).

Discussion on invoices, water usage concerns, past due accounts and Egleberry Services:

Mike and Jim met with Mike's Bookkeeper. They were looking for all-inclusive service, including collections, back payments, tracking and paying bills. Must be Quicken proficient. We are paying Egleberry \$1,000 month for sub-standard service, it is possible we can pay \$500 higher to hire a competent person/company. After Jim and Mike's meeting they recommended that the bookkeeper is not a good fit for NAMWCO.

It was agreed to continue to hold the Annual meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Reminder to Egleberry to include notice in bills. Jim will talk to Jackie and either he will or she can prepare flyer notice. He will review before it is mailed out.

4. Presidents Report: No report Mike is recovering from minor surgery.

5. Manganese Updates: Jae Schwartz

Manganese updates and discussions. Manganese level is going down slowly but not fast enough for STATE to lift Well 3 use bans. Discussion followed on filtration system.

The filtration plan estimate is \$80,885, Board is reviewing and we feel strongly the plan will be supported by the State Waterboard inspectors. Board continued discussion on the filtration plant including cost, payback, impact on budget, operation's and staffing. All Board members support the filtration system plan, this should resolve the manganese problems.

The EAR annual report was rejected by the State. Jae is not sure why it failed; He will follow up. Alan suggested we hire Chris Heggie for assistance with the report. Alan will follow up with Chris. Separate homeowners backflow preventers may be required. To clarify backflow preventers for new construction only. Jae will reach out to Board member to help him fill out the report.

6. Water Use, Rates and Water Levels: No updates at this time.

For rates discussion see last month's minutes.

7. Maintenance, Operations and Water Use Readings: Alan Heinzen.

Alan reported on major break on Estates. Currently the hydrants he has inspected for the homeowners will pass inspection by the fire Marshall.

Filtration plant for Manganese could cost be between \$80,000 and \$150,000 to address the entire manganese's problems. There may additionally cost for controls and auxiliary equipment, fencing and access. Alan will continue providing Bracewell information as needed to resolve our problem.

8. Old Business: Joe will continue to investigate Webservice companies.

9. New Business:

10. Next Board Meeting: Pre-shareholders meeting June 8, 2023 at Jim's house and Shareholders meeting, June 14, 2023, At Alan's House.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Cardinalli, Board Secretary.