July 31, 2024

July 11, 2024 - Monthly Meeting of the Grove Water Supply Corp.

Board Members Present: Glenn Schwanke, Chris Slaughter, Mike Seiler, General Manager/System Operator Justin Veazey and Financial Controller Amy Veazey

Glenn asked if everyone had a chance to review the May minutes.

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Chris.

Minutes approved.

Glenn said he sent an email out and there is a packet from Miles, our engineer. He had a guy go out and put together an estimated for a bare building, concrete slab, a slab for the generator and the propane tank. It is around $50,000 for the building and concrete work.

Mike asked if it was turnkey.

Glenn said no, just the bare building. We don’t have to get competitive bids; we can get proposals instead. We would like to get two or three proposals.

Amy asked how big the building is.

Chris said it is 600 or so square feet.

Glenn said it isn’t a very big building and we would have to put in a septic tank. This would get us started. We have a lot of other things to look at. We would have to get an electrician and other proposals. If we have them, do it, then he has to hire an architectural engineer. We can do this piece mill, the sheetrock, windows, and door.

Mike said we could do it a little at a time as we have the money, and still meet here.

Justin agreed.

Glenn said no other stuff was addressed such as insulation and a mini split for air and heat.

Mike said he thought $50,000 was a little high for a 600-foot building.

Glenn agreed and said we would like to get some other proposals. Concrete is running around 250 or 180 a yard.

Chris said it is running 12 to 14 dollars a square foot.

Mike said that he has seen a lot of portable buildings bigger than 600 square feet, finished out for less money.

Glenn said that we will get proposals from two or three more places. There were some things left out that we will need, windows, door, and a roll up door. Glenn said he would get with Miles tomorrow and let him know we will go forward.

Glenn said that we thought we had one- or two-meter requests that needed to be approved.

Justin said the Oldham’s, and Paul (inaudible) and both have been approved with the storage being addressed.

Glenn asked what the total cost is now.

Justin said $5,100.

Amy said that David Shine had put in for five meters and he does not want them. He hasn’t been able to sale the property and wants to cut those off. I told him if he wanted to cut them back on, he would have to pay the reservice fee. The current fee is 950.00 but he would have to pay the fee at the current price.

Glenn said agreed and asked Amy about the CD’s.

Amy said she called USDA and the money that we have to keep set aside can be in any type of an account. If y’all want to move that to a CD account, we can. The bank we are at now, both savings accounts are paying 5% for anything over $25,000 for a year. That would be $220 dollars a month instead of $4.75.

Mike said he thought we should do that.

Glenn agreed that we should move both savings accounts to CDs at First National bank.

Mike made a motion that The Grove Water Supply approves for Amy Veazey to move both saving accounts to CDs at First National Bank. Seconded by Chris. Motion approved.

Glenn stated that he did send everyone a copy of the packet provided by the engineer. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please let him know.

Amy also said that the City Manager of Gatesville is no longer there. Brad Hunt, Chief of Police, is the Interim City Manager.

Amy said the current Quality Report is online.

Justin said the water loss is at 52%. There was a new line run down at Owl Creek and the contractor drilled right into the line, drilled next to the telephone pole, and nicked it. Also, a leak on the hill by Scaggs, a leak in the middle of Grove Road, and a leak on CR 355. All those were fixed. Also, it has been a few years since the meters were replaced. The salesmen say 10 years or a million gallons, six years are going to be up. There are two right now that have to be replaced because they stopped reading and we have a bunch that have stopped. I don’t have any faith in them. These are Neptunes and (inaudible) they are pushing the radio reads. They are trying to get away from the manual read systems. Just something to think about. Another thing, we have two master meters up on the highway that needs to be moved up past the loop. Right now, it is hard to see which one is feeding which. Other than that, no calls, or complaints.

Glenn asked what the brand is on the radio reads.

Justin said they have Neptunes at Fort Gates, and they are great. Leon Junction has the Cam Strom and they run fifty to sixty dollars cheaper and they yearly computer is fee around $1100 dollars a year.

Glenn said that after the first of the year, we should start looking to buy some of the radio-read ones.

Mike made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris.

Meeting adjourned.

Old Business:

Proposal/Bids on building

New Business:

Move the saving accounts to CD’s.

Transcribed by Pam Seiler

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary/Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Guy Mathews