Nov. 1, 2024

October 10, 2024 - Monthly Meeting of the Grove Water Supply Corp.

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

Visitors Present: Jimmy Sohns and his daughter, Holly Sohns.

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

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

Minutes approved.

Glenn said that the Sohns requested a meter. The engineer’s comments with the application states that with the addition of this meter, the hydraulic file indicates that TCEQ requirements for pipe size and pressure will be met at this service location. There is a note that the meter will be served out of the standpipe storage tank, existing conditions indicate it will be over utilized. This model indicates the need for a new water line on the north side of CR 341. A P2 would be required to be installed facing E1 or 1 ½ inch line. Glenn asked if it is a 1 inch or 1 ½ inch line?

Justin replied it is a 1 ½ inch line.

Glenn said we should resend this to the engineer stating it is a 1 ½ inch line. We have to do that because the original request stated it was a 1-inch line.

Mr. Sohns said the water flow would be a lot better with the 1 ½ inch line.

Justin said, yes.

Glenn said that we have to make sure it is right before we agree to anything.

Mr. Sohns said that was fair enough.

Everyone thanked them for coming.

Glenn said he gave everyone a copy of the term limits and timeline of events to the annual meeting. Susan and Mike’s terms will be expiring. If you are willing to serve another term, let him know before the mailout on the 30th of November.

Also, he presented a map of the proposed installation. We are trying to get the pads for propane tank, generator, and the switch, but that will go with the building. The building is 675 square feet, with three doors and would like to have a couple of windows in the area we would occupy. After the crusher fines, maybe some rock or asphalt for the drive. Also, need to think about finishing the inside, and possibly a mini split.

Chris asked about the insulation, spray foam.

Justin said he thought we should use the open cell spray foam, not the close cell.

Susan asked how big a building?

Glenn said 20 x 40. Basically a 20 x 30 steel building with a couple of pads for the generator and propane tank. We will need a shed to store the chemicals in. It needs to be a fiber glass shed. Is that correct, Justin?

Justin said yes. It will hold two bottles of chlorine, scales, and everything.

Susan said it is ridiculous that we have to keep all that and we don’t treat water, it will all just outdate.

Justin said it is ridiculous and I’m not sure why the State went back to that. Any new facility has to be equipped with accessibility to treat the water.

Chris asked if the scales have to be calibrated?

Justin said no. In the past, he has always used hospital scales.

Susan said that is a large expense and a health hazard.

Glenn said he will write up a narrative of what we want and the size. I will send it out to everyone and then we will need three bids.

Justin said we need heat in the pump room.

Glenn asked if the LAS room will need heat and air?

Justin said heat.

Glenn asked about finishing the inside.

Susan said we could finish it as we go.

Glenn said insulate and then use sheet metal.

Justin said in the office area, we might want soundproof.

Glenn asked if anyone wanted to add anything.

Susan asked about a bathroom.

There was a discussion of a porta potty.

Mike and Susan agreed to another term on the board.

Justin said that he did receive the check for the generator and Amy has deposited it.

Amy presented new signature cards for moving the money into CD’s as discussed in the last meeting.

Justin said that they are behind on setting the generators. He would like to move the propane tank closer to the fence. The generator is right there at the end of the driveway. Whoever we get to deliver the propane, it would be easier next to the fence and/or closer to the driveway.

Glenn asked if they would put the pads in too.

Justin said yes, it is turnkey. Other than that, everything has been running normal.

Glenn asked if there was anything else.

Justin said yes. He needs to go up on meter sets. Parts have nearly doubled, and my labor has gone up too. I have been at $1050 but need to go to $1500, parts and labor.

Amy said the cost of a meter right now is $5000.

Glenn asked if everyone is in favor of raising the meter installation to $5450?

Mike said he approved.

Chris and Susan both agreed as well.

Glenn said he would add it to the service contracts.

Amy said it would be in the tariffs.

Glenn asked if anyone had anything else to talk about. He then asked if Justin and Amy could step outside the board members could have a moment. Glenn said that since Justin took the contract, we have been paying him $18 a meter. Costs are going up and we have never increased his pay.

Susan asked what he is proposing?

Glenn said to raise it from $18 to $20 per meter. Is everyone if favor?

All agreed. The increase will be effective on the 1st of November.

Glenn then told Justin about the raise. Justin said it is much appreciated.

Glenn asked Justin if he wanted to negotiate. Justin said he was going to talk to them at the first of the year. He was thinking about taking the parts out of his cost, but with the raise, it will work out about the same.

Susan made a motion to adjourn. Second, by Chris.

Meeting adjourned.

Old Business:

Proposal/Bids on building

New Business:

Setting the generator

Transcribed by Pam Seiler

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

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

Guy Mathews