**Raineri Mutual Water Company**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 11, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

**Via Zoom Teleconference**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order and roll call.**

The meeting was attended by 6 participants in total for the duration of the teleconference. Those in attendance were the entirety of the RMWC board members: Wade Bastien, Westin Bolliger, John Camp, Mihai Damian, and Stephanie Massei. The sixth attendee was one of the RMWC alternates, Alison Armstrong.

1. **Review and discuss the minutes of the previous board member meeting.**

The meeting minutes from October 7, 2024, were reviewed and needed no further discussion or editing. This was motioned and approved upon by all board members in attendance.

1. **Plant system status.**

President John Camp gave us a brief update on the status of the RMWC water plant. John had spoken with Bruce Carol most recently who reported that all is normal at this time. No corrections are needed despite just having our first big rain of the season earlier on this day.

1. **Presentation of RMWC financial statements.**

The monthly financial report with our treasurer, Stephanie Massei, was presented following the plant status. There was discussion about differences in the billing for the regular water testing that the plant undergoes routinely. RMWC saw an increase in the expense of our water testing and had to determine what may have been the cause of this. Throughout the discussion figuring out why this may be, the board found out that the lab that usually conducts the testing for our water samples is no longer certified now to do so. Control Labs, formerly known as Soil Control Labs, used to bill RMWC directly for the testing and results. However, after some light digging, it was concluded that RMWC had not received a bill from Control Labs in a few months and had failed to communicate that with the RMWC board. Hence, our water master started channeling that expense through his labor for the RMWC plant and also failed to communicate that with the board members.

Otherwise, all was normal concerning the overall financial reports from Stephanie other than a few outstanding invoices from Gary that need to be handled. Not much has changed since the previous month.

The last thing needed is to turn on the monthly billing for the 2 users who have water certificates with no active water meter.

1. **RMWC plant insurance and policy discussion.**

Discussion about our current insurance policy and what it covers. John started this discussion and found that our coverage is kind of low. I believe this company was recommended to us when RMWC first came about but it may not be most the most effective for our plant and the physical area where it sits. The biggest question that we need to answer is whether we are covered in the case of wildfire. There are other things that we have coverage for that we don’t really need… like the millions of dollars to cover damaged software. What are the inclusions and what is excluded? Reaching out to other local mutuals about their insurance coverage and any of their prior experiences will help us figure out what insurance company and/or policy is most appropriate for RMWC.

1. **Strategies for emergency planning.**

Wade Bastien presented the board with the idea of coming up with a strategy in case an emergency, like Tanks #1 and/or #2 failing, were to arise. The board needs to see what the largest tank that we can place on the land near the plant without the need to have special foundations in place to hold them. Wade has said there are 5k gallon tanks that are narrower (102-inch diameter as compared to 120/140-inch tanks) in diameter in which we can fit more tanks in the area than larger diameter tanks. While these tanks can be utilized to help reduce stress and get us through an emergency, it would also be a transitionary asset. This means that these “temporary” tanks will serve as a transition until we can rebuild a better tank system/install new tanks to help upkeep the RMWC plant. Wade and Westin Bolliger will draft up a sketch for this emergency plan that we can post on our website to show the membership that we do have a rough plan in place to help ease the minds of the end users on the RMWC system.

1. **Any other items board members feel should be discussed and/or addressed.**

The county finally got rid of the sketchy tree on Alison’s property. It took them 3 weeks and $200k later to get it done. Good grief!

Westin asked about access to the RMWC site to see if he could post the minutes and get those updated. In addition, he would like to start making a notification and posting the dates for when the board meets so that it is public information for the membership.

1. **The meeting was adjourned.**