

PLVD Working Session

May 22, 2024

Roll call:

Chairman Andrew Pomeroy, Commissioner Michael Malecha, Commissioner Susan Lawrence, Treasurer Jamie Dow, Clerk Alison Scott, Christie Marston, May Lou Maraganis, John Maraganis, Jennifer Buck

Meeting called to order 5:27 pm

Commissioners Michael and Susan will go in person to EJ Prescott to get instructions to operate and download data from the meter reader.

The purpose of this meeting is to establish new water rates in order to raise the \$166,010 water budget as voted at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer Jamie Dow reports PLVD has collected \$35,404 to date. The remainder to be raised is \$130,606 in the next 2 quarters. Divided by currently 53 customers + \$1232.00 + 124.90 (Concord Drive Loan) + \$42.30 (Drinking water Grant) = \$1,399.20 per customer for each quarter.

Due to issues with the meter reading equipment, the first 2 quarters of 2024, customers were only charged the base rates. Overages will be added once meters are read. Those who came off the system were charged the base rate and any overages billed on their final invoices.

The commissioners determined that the new rate will be based per gallon used per water customer. They will take all gallons used by each customer from October to June and develop a price per gallon to raise the monies needed. If there is a shortage, in November we would send a special assessment to make up the difference. Rates will be adjusted quarterly if the number of water customers changes.

John Maraganis asks for clarification that this is for this calendar year. This is a short term solution to get through 2024.

Michael clarifies, come next January, the 2024 budget will be divided quarterly.

Andrew makes a motion to change the current billing method to a cost per gallon billing method. Michael seconds, motion passes.

Michael makes a motion due to the aggressive bills; the commissioners will do their best to work with customers with payment plans on a case by case basis. Andrew seconds, motion passes.

Aquamen update:

Shelly Frost was invited to June monthly meeting. Shelly has declined the invitation. We need DES support to change contract.

Michael asks to adjourn the meeting, Andrew seconds, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm