

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN HILLS WATER DISTRICT
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

For the Meeting Held November 19, 2020

To maintain social distancing recommendations, the meeting was held by conference/video call and was attended by Directors Sam Kepley, Scott Ryplewski, Dave Mosby, Craig Levy, and Tony Pesce, Managers Chris Vargo and Kristin Waters and several community members.

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm

Posting of Notice. The meeting agenda had been posted in advance as required by law.

Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Director Mosby and seconded by Director Pesce. Approved 4 – 0

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Director Mosby and seconded by Director Ryplewski. 10/15/2020 meeting minutes were approved 4 – 0.

Administration/Financial Reports: Check report was reviewed with a motion made by Director Kepley and seconded by Director Ryplewski to approve checks 13276– 13299, 14301 - 14309 and EFT's, voiding check 13283. Report approved by a vote of 5 – 0. Cash Balance status, Cash Flow Statement, and Accounts Receivable Aging/Customer Past Due reports were reviewed.

Legal/Information Updates: Well #12 water rights renewal coming up in January 2021

Operations:

Completed projects include 2020 hydrant maintenance & testing, turbidity issue resolved with recalibration of devices, Bldg #5 pipe break repaired, PRV's replaced and replumbed in 1-2 and 2-3 boosters, and several others. Full report given on treatment plants, distribution system, SCADA, and MIEX.

- Well production is maintaining
- Phase II Conservation in effect as of 10/1/2020. Severe to extreme drought conditions continue in Jefferson County and the State.
- Zone 3 Nitrate level – finished water 10/12/2020 5.9

Audience/Customer Comments or Concerns:

Community member recommends before approval of ADU that District requires property owner provides proof of proper permitting and OWTS approved for use.

Statement from resident regarding protecting our water resources, especially during drought conditions, development issues, and outdated regulations that has been submitted to Jeffco was read.

Board Items:

24255 Navajo – Tap application received. Property owner is proposing building 6-8 duplex units on the lot. Discussion included water availability and OWTS requirements. The Board asked the property owner to gather more information on what the county will allow.

4745 Picutis ADU Application - The property owner has not provided the permits and OWTS information for the ADU structure. Will review ADU application once this is received.

Public Hearing - Budget and Customer Rates, Fees, and Charges Increase - Public notice posted on 10/20/2020 to meet 30 day requirement.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:59 pm to discuss Rules and Regulations change, Rates, Fees, and Charges increase, and the proposed 2021 Budget according to C.R.S. 29-1-103(1) and C.R.S. 29-1-108(2), C.R.S. 29-1-108(1) , and C.R.S. 32-1-1001(1)(j).

Director Pesce pointed out that the District’s focus is sustainability and that maintaining and improving the system is the goal. Changing the customer responsibility back to the point where the tap is made to a main line of the District enables the District to better meet this responsibility.

A community member stated that there has been no rate increase since 2011 and we have an aging infrastructure. Customers don’t want to see rates go up but understand that it is necessary. They also stated that the rates are realistic and asked if the rates are pro-rated? Changes will be made on the rate sheet to clarify that charges for water usage are pro-rated.

Another community member stated that it is costly to treat water, especially with the nitrate issues. They also stated that the standby rate is an increase of 60%.

Regarding the Budget, community member asked who pays for new fire hydrants and replacement when needed? Director Ryplewski gave information on IHFPD and IHWD meetings that have taken place to discuss this issue. Hydrants are something that both Districts are looking at and working on together.

There was discussion about line item 7350 Distribution System Improvements – The GM is working with Engineers on an Asset Management program that will help determine areas that need work. Priorities will be determined as this process progresses and the Board can make decisions on spending when needed.

Public Hearing end 8:44 pm

Rules and Regulations Section 5.1 – Director Ryplewski made a motion to adopt the proposed change which was seconded by Director Mosby. Motion approved 5 - 0

Rates, Fees, and Charges – Motion was made by Director Ryplewski to adopt the new Rates, Fees, and Charges which will go into effect on 1/1/2021. The motion was seconded by Director Levy and approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-006 concerning adoption of a Budget was approved by a vote of 5 – 0. The motion was made by Director Ryplewski and seconded by Director Mosby.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-007 Levying General Property Taxes was made by Director Ryplewski, seconded by Director Mosby, and approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

District ADU Policy – After discussion, the Board will review the policy and any associated fees with the Tap Fee Review in 2021. The District would like to hear from the community on this topic and do further research.

Fire Hydrants – Hydrant maintenance and testing done 11/2020 and report was given to IHFPD. No hydrant replacement is needed at this time. After researching the waterous hydrant, GM Chris Vargo has determined that this hydrant type is exactly what is needed.

GIS Map – IHWD GIS engineer communicating with IHFPD to see what new software is and find a way to get map of hydrants that is compatible. Check in with IHFPD Chief on progress.

Next regular Board meeting date 12/17/2020

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 9:01 pm with a motion made by Director Mosby, seconded by Director Ryplewski, and approved 5 – 0.

President Date

Secretary Date