

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

For the Meeting Held December 17, 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, and Craig Levy, and Managers Chris Vargo and Kristin Waters and many community members. Tony Pesce was absent and excused.

Meeting called to order 6:36 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 Ryplewski and seconded by Director Mosby. Approved 4 – 0

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Director Ryplewski and seconded by Director Mosby. 11/17/2020 meeting minutes were approved 4 – 0.

Administration/Financial Reports: Check report was reviewed with a motion made by Director Ryplewski and seconded by Director Levy to approve checks 14310– 14339 and EFT's, voiding check 14330. Report approved by a vote of 4 – 0. Cash Balance status, Cash Flow Statement, and Accounts Receivable Aging/Customer Past Due reports were reviewed.

Legal/Information Updates:

Paid Family Medical Leave was approved by Colorado voters in 2020. Contributions begin 2023

Gallagher Amendment Repeal also approved by voters. Residential and Non-Residential property tax ratio is no longer mandated.

Operations:

Completed projects include tank re-coating projects and tank safety equipment installed, automation of potassium permanganate dosing, and commercial property backflow prevention compliance met for 2020. Leak at Turkey Creek well field has been identified and repair will be made week of 12/21/2020.

- Well production is maintaining
- Tank levels at 60% - levels down due to tank projects
- Phase I Conservation in effect as of 12/1/2020. Severe to extreme drought conditions continue in Jefferson County and the State.
- Zone 3 Nitrate level – finished water 12/11/2020 6.7

Audience/Customer Comments or Concerns:

Community questions and comments regarding 2021 Rate Increase include:

- Statement – District has aging infrastructure, Jeffco unprepared to deal with development, drought, and fragility of watershed. The current Board is not kicking the can down the road.
- Question - Can we increase water storage?
- Question about system improvement funds – these are funds set aside to plan, forecast and spend wisely.
- Several customers think it would be better to spread the increase over 3 years.
- Understand that increases are warranted
- Comment - Appreciates the work being done but questions the increase
- Several were not aware of increase – notices posted on website, statements, District sign, etc...
- Several thanks and support to Board. Appreciate and applaud Board, a lot of work, discussion, and hard decisions were made and the District has to cover expenses.
- Question – What is fair water usage?
- Comment – community not paying attention until rates increase and incorrect information put out there.

Board Items:

24255 Navajo – No update from property owner for meeting. Jeffco BOH rep stated that property will only allow one home.

5287 Chiquita – tap previously approved but COVID has delayed building. Property owner will re-apply when building is re-scheduled.

4745 Picutis ADU Application - The property owner has not provided the permits and OWTS information for the ADU structure. Jeffco BOH does not have record of updated septic permit and is looking into property. Customer connected ADU to service line without approval. May require meter be installed in meter pit on line before ADU to ensure legal water use.

Rules and Regulations Section 2.1 – Conditions of Service: 2 acre minimum. Need to look at rewording and have legal review.

Executive Session: Director Kepley made a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss 2021 employee wages citing C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). The motion was seconded by Director Ryplewski and the motion was approved by a vote of 4 – 0 and session was called to order at 8:34 pm. Session ended at 9:28 pm with a motion made by Director Mosby and seconded by Director Levy with a vote of 4 – 0.

Next regular Board meeting date 1/21/2021

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 9:30 pm with a motion made by Director Ryplewski, seconded by Director Mosby, and approved 3 – 0. Director Levy did not vote.

Samuel H. Kopy 1/27/21

President

Date

A. M. G. ✓

Secretary

Date

