

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

For the Meeting Held January 21, 2021

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

Meeting called to order 6:32 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 Levy. Approved 5 – 0

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Director Mosby and seconded by Director Levy. 12/17/2020 meeting minutes were approved 5 – 0.

Administration/Financial Reports: Check report was reviewed with a motion made by Director Mosby and seconded by Director Ryplewski to approve checks 14340– 14375 and EFT's. Report approved by a vote of 5 – 0. Cash Balance status, Cash Flow Statement, and Accounts Receivable Aging/Customer Past Due reports were reviewed.

The Board discussed approving the General Manager to sign checks. Motion made by Director Mosby and seconded by Director Pesce to approve GM check signing authority. Motion approved 5 - 0

Legal/Information Updates:

Resolution 2021-001 - Application for finding of reasonable diligence for IHWD's conditional water right for Well No. 12. Purpose of application, to continue to develop the conditional portion of the water right, was discussed and Director Ryplewski made a motion to adopt the resolution which was seconded by Director Levy. The motion was approved 5 - 0

Operations:

- Well production is maintaining
- Tanks are full
- 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 1/13/2021 5.3 MIEX is not online – blending water from Turkey Creek continues to keep nitrate level lower. GM is looking into grants to cover expenses of new nitrate removal system.

A new water operator was hired at beginning of the year. Ops is researching transducers for SCADA expansion to allow full tank storage. Plumbing projects completed to allow for better control of water flow and repair due to air lock issue.

#### Audience/Customer Comments or Concerns:

Community questions and comments continue regarding 2021 Rate Increase including:

- Was there a rate study done? Rate structure is unfair for larger families. Rates are not meant to be a penalty. Larger families will naturally use more water.
- Could IHWD merge with another District? Merging would have related costs and would not be an easy fix.
- Customer appreciates the Ops report. Suggestion that Jeffco should communicate with water districts. Also spoke about climate change.
- Question about Capital Improvement Projects and drought/water hauling costs.
- How can IHWD get Jeffco to deal with the nitrate issue caused by old septic systems?
- Acknowledgement of work that IHWD did and postings that went out to community.
- Aging system needs attention. Appreciates time and expertise that went into CIP planning. What is time line?
- Be careful about merging with another system and possible uses of District water. Suggested IHWD attend Bear Creek watershed meeting.
- Customer wants District to schedule a special meeting to discuss rate increase. Not finding the information that they want to see i.e.: how is money being spent? Cash Flow reports are posted before each meeting.
- Statement about rate structure and customers storing water.
- Thanks to Board and citizens attending meeting. Encourage citizens to use CORA.

#### Board Items:

5287 Chiquita – tap previously approved but COVID has delayed building. Property owner asked about option of connecting to ADU first and then new house. Board asked for septic system permitting.

Rate Review – The Board spent the first-year learning about the system and figuring out what information was needed in order to set priorities. Master Plan evaluated system and it's needs. This was all done to prepare for the rate review. Data was gathered and evaluated. The Board will review rates again in August/September during the Budget process.

Rules and Regulations Section 2.1 – Legal advised re-wording minimum 2.0 acre. Adding variance procedure. Will submit to legal for review and have ready for February meeting.

ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units) – Director Ryplewski made a motion to enact a temporary moratorium on ADU applications until ADU tap fee is determined and more research can be done and coordination with Jeffco can be set up. The Master Plan did not address ADU's and there are questions about how they affect our water rights. Motion seconded by Director Levy and approved 5 – 0.

Meeting Calendar – No change in current meeting schedule of 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm. Meeting agendas will continue to be posted on the District website and the District bulletin Board at least 24 hours before each meeting.

Next regular Board meeting date 2/18/2021

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 9:13 pm with a motion made by Director Ryplewski, seconded by Director Pesce, and approved 5 – 0.

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President Date

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Secretary Date