

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

For the Meeting Held September 21, 2023

The meeting was held in person and was attended by Directors Kepley, Ryplewski, Pesce, and Cunningham, and managers Chris Vargo and Kristin Waters. Director Mosby was absent and excused.

Meeting called to order 6:32 pm

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

Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made and seconded. It was approved by a vote of 4 – 0.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve the August 17, 2023 minutes, seconded and the minutes were approved 4 – 0.

Audience/Customer Comments or Concerns:

No comments

Administration/Financial Reports: Check report was reviewed with a motion made to approve checks 15241 – 15270 and EFT's. Report approved by a vote of 4 – 0. Cash Balance Status, Fund Class Report, Cash Flow Statement, and Accounts Receivable Aging/Customer Past Due reports were reviewed.

Director Cunningham attended the SDA Conference in person with costs covered by a first-time attendee scholarship, and Kristin attended remotely. Mike shared that he was very impressed with the conference, and it was a valuable experience. Kristin has attended several times and there is always something new to learn.

Directors will need to sign a new signature card once it is received from the bank.

Budget Calendar:

10/15/2023 Draft Budget presented to Board

11/8/2023 Post Notice of Public Hearing in newspaper

11/16/2023 Public Hearing & adoption of Budget, approve Resolutions for Budget & Mill Levy

12/15/2023 Budget adoption deadline and Mill Levy certification due to County

1/31/2024 Annual Budget filing due to Dept of Local Govt

Legal/Information Updates: Proposition HH on the ballot in November – property taxes would decrease and tabor refunds would change through 2032. Part of reduced Tabor refund dollars will reimburse Special Districts for loss of revenue.

Operations Report:

- Storage tanks are at approximately half capacity.
- Broken pipe at #5 wellhouse resulted in loss of 25,000 gal of water on 9/20/2023.
- New operations team is learning the system and evaluating needed changes for optimal operation.
- Nitrates were at 8.0 on 9/20/2023.
- Nitrate removal pilot program will be scheduled soon to record data during fall season.

Board Items:

Public Hearing - Customer Rates, Fees, and Charges Review

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:01 pm to discuss Rates, Fees, and Charges review, according to C.R.S. 32-1-1001(1)(j).

The Board started the hearing by reviewing the discussion that took place at the 8/17/2023 meeting, stating the goal to review costs and expenses and the goals of the rate review, and gather input from the public.

District wants to consider lower income households in the structure. Another goal is to promote conservation.

Public comments included:

- Community member questions and suggestions included:
 - What is the income goal of the increase?
 - What are new estimates for upcoming capital income projects?
 - Would like to see mainline improvements instead of leak costs.
 - Recognition that costs are going up.
 - Doesn't like higher tiers – look at re-working the tiers so that the increase is doubled vs. 4 times higher.

Increase options presented included:

1. Tie Base Rate to fixed costs and water use rates to variable expenses.
2. No tiers for water use, all usage the same cost per gallon
3. 5% or 8% increase to Base Rate and water use tiers

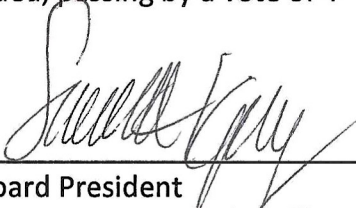
More structures will be reviewed and information posted on the website before the next meeting in October.

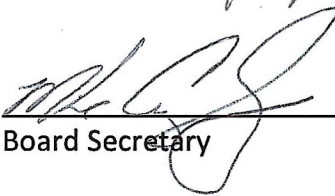
Public Hearing end 8:08 pm

Board Meeting Location: increased costs for holding meetings at the IHCC prompted a review of location options. Board members will contact the church and fire department for comparison.

Other Business – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 8:22 pm with a motion made and seconded, passing by a vote of 4 – 0.


Board President 10/19/23
Date


Board Secretary 10/17/23
Date

