

Apple Springs Water and Sanitation District
Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2024

Started at 6:00 pm and ended at 7:15 at Tom Law's Home

Members Present: Tom Law, Dan Carlson, Michael Martin (phone)

Board Consultant Present: Roger Beck

Mar 8 Election

1. Reviewed the ballots and counted according

Nominee	Votes	Elected Term
Chris Vinich	12	3 Years
John Miller	10	2 Years
Michael Martin	Decided not to Run	
Kevin Malon	Decided not to Run	

New board to be officially active on 4/1. During the transition period new board members will be involved in meetings necessary.

2. Roger agreed to certify the results with the county.
3. New board nomination form. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to use new form in next election.
4. Micheal to transfer mailbox keys and checking account to new treasurer on 4/1.

Other Business

1. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to use new form to pay for the district 50% share of the KLJ Grant Paper Work Project invoice. If grant is approved this money will be reimbursed to the district.
2. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to go forward on the Pump/VFD Replacement Project Update. Tom to contact contractor and sign to move forward with Dan to be the future primary contract.

3. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to compensate the 3 board members up to \$3000 per trustee per year during this high involvement grant implementation period. Compensation will be budgeted by the grant and paid by the grant. This is for a total of \$27,000 over the life of the 3-year grant implementation.

34A-5-28.1: Trustee permitted to contract with district under certain conditions.

*Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a member of the board of trustees of a sanitary district may contract with the district for which the member serves, if the consideration consists of **three thousand dollars** or less per year and if the consideration for such supplies or services is reasonable and just.*

4. District is no longer paying Black Hills Technology.
5. Next meeting to discuss H2O Clear LOU is scheduled for 3/18.
6. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to set up a retainer with Lawyer Todd Meierhenry.
7. EPA Grant Updates
 - Organization – In Process Still
 - Leveraging South Dakota School of Mines Graduates in Design
 - Fact Sheet send to Lawrence County Officials on 3/5/24
 - Treatment Concept
 - New SD Permit Requirements
 - New DO Max Limits
 - Tracking Phosphorus
8. Currently consolidating all paper files for new board trustees. – Dan has received info from both Roger and Tom. Board will continue to leverage Tom, Michael, and Roger as needed for historical reference in the district.
9. Board discussed previous documentation that limited expansion to Phase II before Phase I was sold out. At this point the board had no documentation of such discussions. As an action item the board suggested the future treasurer to investigate how the quantity of income/levy rates are determined to fund the district and reconfirm which properties are paying taxes for the district.
10. Dan evaluating a free website to support the Apple Springs Districts for communication purposes.

Email called Applespringsdistricts@gmail.com has been created by Dan.

KLJ has created the project website: <https://inputcentral.com/apple-springs>

Minutes prepared by Dan Carlson