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Minutes from Jan. 12th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:03

Members present Dave Artery, Steve Morgan, Jeff Strom, Jeff Mechenbier, Joe Nekoranec

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from Dec. 8th, 2018 read by Joe Nekoranec; Motion to accepted as read by Jeff Mechenbier, 2nd by Steve Morgan.

Treasure's report read by Dana for Jeff Strom; Motion to accept by Steve Morgan, 2nd by Jeff Mechenbier

Water report read by Bruce Ford; motion to accept report by Jeff Strom, 2nd by Steve Morgan

Bruce informed us that the current turbidity meters will no longer be certified by Hawk, and that we will need to upgrade the meters at a cost of approx. \$18,692 plus install. Steve made the motion to move forward with the upgrade, 2nd by Jeff Strom. Steve bought up the conversation from the Dec. meeting from a few Conchas Dam resident about herbicides in the water from weed spraying. Conclusion was that we are complying with all State and Federal guide lines and we are in compliance. We are not responsible for raw water testing as The Corp is responsible for water management of the lake.

Office Managers report by Dana; motion to accept by Nick, 2nd by Steve Morgan

Bill Watts interrupted the meeting about his water bill overages during the summer. Dana tried to work with him in December, but he became very angry, disagreed and expected her to change it, as he did not believe he had used it. We tried to explain that he is only billed for the water that goes thru a meter and he was billed accordingly. Bruce and Jay walked the property, and Jay spotted a frost-free faucet dripping into a bird feeder, but Mr. Watts refused to believe that that much water was used. He was belligerent and threatened to shoot anyone from the water company that came on his property as he stormed out of the meeting. Further discussion by the board said that the State Police would be called Monday and be made aware of Mr. Watts threat, also his Son and Daughter-in-law would be called and made aware of the situation. It was agreed that the next time Mr. Watts meter needs to be read that the State Police will be called to escort our employee's.

RAIL;

- Electronic Mapping ongoing; Jay showed us some of the work already done. Open
- DWSRLF application; Steve working with State to borrow 422k outlook is positive Open
- Truck purchase/ State procurement; Lorraine worked with Larry Wallen to get code to purchase truck Got a quote from Rich Ford approx. 44k, unable to get one from Dodge dealer. Will continue to look. Open
- Big Mesa Web page updates; Still working on due to computer crashing. Open
- Safety/ Emergency plan; David Romero will go over to assure everything is correct. Open
- PLC update; Bruce still working on scope of work. Open
- USDA application; On hold Open
- Work Barge; Outboard engine being worked on should be ready soon, will remove decking on barge to replace some of the floatation, and replace decking as needed. Open

- 2nd invitation to NMED Discussion with DWB; Steve attended, and a new bill may be introduced by Representative Susan Herrera from Embudo, in the state legislature coming up to support water utility in the State. Closed
- Fire Hydrant at the 104 Store; new hydrant installed still being finished. Closed
- Survey for property at 215 Bullhead; The property was walked by Bruce and we doubt there is any other water line on it besides the one that was hit. advise the Coleman's to do work during the during the weekdays in case there is a problem. Close
- Services for the Disabled; If a resident has a handicap placard on their vehicle the attendant will take their trash. Closed
- Apply for DWRLF 2019; Steve suggested to start on form to get money (460k) for design so, project will be shovel ready for future project loan. Open
- Legislator sponsored funding; Steve, Board approved the \$50 fee to attend the meeting and compensate Steve for mileage. Update from Steve lobbyist said to save our money, that her services were not needed. Open

New Business; Board talked with Bruce on getting Jay trained to operate the water system. Dave would like Jay to go through 30 start ups and shutdown before certify Jay. Along with other facets of the water system chemical etc.

Jeff Strom talked about the NM stream commission will play into the environmental aspects of the lake.

Executive Session:

Held employee yearly reviews and salary compensation;

Discussed 401k for employees- Steve will research it for next meeting.

Employees uniforms with names; Dave approved, 3 shirts/3 pants each for Water and Field as well as once a year shoe allowance of \$150. Also approved 3 Shirts each for office and Transfer station with employee names.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Nekorane, 2nd by Dave Artery