

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
December 20, 2016 @ 8:30 AM
Craig Fischer shop

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	(term)	(phone)	STAFF	(phone)
Larry Deibert-President	(2018)	343-3942	Scot Licht-Operator	393-5892
Mick Blumer-Vice President	(2017)	605-310-9630	Keith Lau-Manager	390-2963
Ron Brown -Secretary	(2017)	343-2999	Lona Lau-Bookkeeper	342-2254
Craig Fischer-Director	(2017)	519-1837		
Norm Tschetter-Treasurer	(2019)	348-3003		

Members Present: Mick, Norm, Craig & Larry

Members Absent: Ron

The purpose of the special Board meeting was to approve some invoices concerning both Phase 1 & 2 or the HMWI system upgrade so that the final submittal could be made to DENR and a project close-out could be done with DENR during January 2017.

Larry was unable to find Board approval in previous minutes for Invoice #36 from Bangs, McCullen (5/19/14) for “current work” from 4/15/14 to 5/19/14 in the amount of \$233.73. Mick made a motion to approve the invoice with a second from Craig. Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: Advanced Engineering – Larry provided a summary of his discussion with DENR concerning Advanced Engineering having an over-run of \$17,467 on Phase 2, which was estimated to cost \$25,000. DENR was unconcerned by the over-run stating, “in most projects of this nature, the Engineering firms over-run their initial estimate.” Unless the HMWI Board could point to specific items that were billed incorrectly, we should approve the invoices and submit for payment by DENR.

Invoice #32	\$ 3,448.10
Invoice #33	\$ 3,035.45
Invoice #34	\$ 1,354.86
Invoice #35	\$11,347.67
Total	\$19,186.08

Norm made a motion to approve all four invoices for a total of \$19,186.08 with the understanding that HMWI would be withholding \$10,586.91 from Advanced Engineering’s final payment for liquidated damages; seconded by Craig. Motion passed unanimously.

Correction to invoice submitted by Craig Fischer at the 12/12/16 Board meeting, an error was discovered after the check was sent to Craig for \$3,837.30. The correct amount should have been \$2,949.30. Craig returned the check to Lona and a new check for \$2,949.30 was provided to Craig for the Landscaping work that was completed Fall of 2015 & Spring 2016.

The Board had some discussion about how to best complete the Landscaping issues along Hisega Road and the East portion of Big Piney Road area.

1st option was to contact firms that do Hydro-Seeding to get an estimate for Hydro-seeding and then having Jeff Lau provide watering for two weeks to ensure successful germination.

2nd option was to determine a fair value if the property owners were to take responsibility for their property and HMWI would reimburse them a set amount per square foot of easement affected. HMWI would provide free water for two months with the Property Owner only paying the base rate of \$85 for the two months. HMWI would need to approach each of the 10 Property Owners affected by the Phase 2 upgrade project. If Larry is unable to pull an accurate linear distance for each affected property owner, then Norm and Keith will use the roller to get the length for each property. Larry will notify Norm after New Year's if he is successful.

Craig is going to let Alan Sage know that he would like to be present when Alan works on the Gray service line since it goes across his property; Craig will be gone most of March & April. The Board is suggesting that Gray's curb shut-off will be about 4' away from Craig's retaining wall near Gray's house.

Mick asked to have some further discussion concerning the compensation for hours worked by Mick Blumer & Craig Fischer on the Pump House project. Mick would like to see the issue resolved at our next Board meeting and not push it into the future. Larry stated that he is planning on getting counsel from an attorney to ensure there is no "conflict of interest" in the Board approving compensation for sitting Board members. Larry is taking the action personally and not asking the Board to pay the attorney's fees. Craig agreed with Larry's action and wanted to pay a portion of the attorney fees since he is also concerned about the "conflict of interest." Mick stated that using the same attorney that wrote the original By-Laws for HMWI would be the best situation. Larry will report at the next regular board meeting concerning the attorney's opinion.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM, next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM January 9, 2017, at the Johnson Siding Fire Dept.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Deibert
Substitute Secretary