

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting – February 10, 2020 @ 6:30 PM  
Johnson Siding Fire Dept.

**Present:** Randy Smart, President (2021), Rick Schurger, V-Pres. (2022); Craig Fischer, Treas. (2020); Jane Russell, Sec. (2022); Ron Gordon, Director (2020); Scott Licht-Manager/Water Operator; Larry Deibert - transcriber

**Absent:**

**Guests:** None

Randy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

**Operator/Manager's Report:** January 2020      Manager/Operator Report

1-2-20 Water Samples at my house

1-6-20 New meter at Bob Barkley's house

1-9-20 worked 6 hours at Big Piney reservoir screening water level indicator. This was a required repair after a recent Sanitary Survey conducted by DENR.

1-10-20 New Filters, 530,000 gallons, 14 days

1-16-20 Water coming up in drive way crack at Gary Skarset's house on Briarwood Court. It appears to be run off from snow melt. The water line is downhill from the driveway and about 30' or more away.

1-16-20 Sent Shut - Off Notices to 2 water customers. One customer paid on the 26<sup>th</sup>, the other customer I shut off and they paid after 5:00 PM on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

1-22-20 Water Leak on Gary Kahoma's water service close to house. Al Sage repaired the line 2-2-20.

1-26-20 New Filters, 595,200 gallons, 17 days.

Dwight worked 5 days in January

We pumped 1,035,569 gallons in January

**Bookkeeper's Report:**

Ron made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the "Overdue account report." Shut-off notices were mailed to two members that were behind on their payment; they both paid the total balance due by January 26.

Craig made a motion that any account that has a balance of \$2.00 or less should be zeroed out each month. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:**

January 13, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes; Craig seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**Remote Reading Water Meters:**

Rick submitted the following revised document for consideration to be mailed to all HMW members. Membership must approve the spending of funds before the Board could proceed with implementing the remote reading water meters. No additional costs will be incurred by the Members if the remote reading water meters are installed.

Ron Gordon submitted a revised letter for the Board's consideration to be mailed to all members; following is the revised letter.

Greetings HMWI Member,

The water system needs to move forward with a new metering system because our current meters are long past their lifespan. We have spent the last year studying the systems available, and have determined the new metering system should have remote reading meters and conventional style billing. This means no more meter reading every month and filling out the self-billing cards.

The hardware for the system is similar to the hardware used by the City of Rapid City, is reasonably priced, and stocked by a local supplier. The data will be collected and billings sent out by a subcontractor meaning no new employees will be required. The cost of the system improvements is estimated at \$129,000 with an eleven-year return on investment because of greatly reduced water loss. No increase in water rates or other additional cost to the membership is expected with the new system.

This is the opportunity for you to vote on implementation of this plan. Please mark the enclosed postcard ballot and return it by March 15, 2020. Ballots received after this date will not be counted.

You may mail the ballot to HMWI, at 2315 Lindsey Dr; or drop it in the mail box as you would your monthly water bill payment

Sincerely,

Your Water Board

Enc: postcard ballot

The Board voted unanimously to use the revised version. The material is to be printed and mailed by Western Mailers by the end of February.

#### **Status of Member Accounts:**

#### **New Business:**

No New Business.

Being no further business, Jane made a motion to adjourn; Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM; the next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM, Monday, March 9, 2020 at the JSFSD.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Deibert, Transcriber