

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting – September 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM  
Johnson Siding Fire Dept.

Present: Randy Smart, Pres. (2021), Rick Schurger, V-Pres. (2019); Craig Fischer, Treas. (2020); Ron Gordon, Director (2020); Scott Licht-Manager/Water Operator; Larry Deibert, bookkeeper/transcriber.  
Guests: Byron Schulz

Absent: Penny Kaiser, Sec. (2019)

Randy Smart called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Operator/Manager's Report:** AUGUST 2018 MANAGER/OPERATOR REPORT 9-5-18

8-1-18 Auto controls are working properly

8-5-18 #3 Pump lost Prime last night. It was very hard to get primed in. Intake water is filthy.  
Corp. of Engineers lowered flow to 166 cfs.

8-6-18 #3 pump lost prime again. Only two tries to get it primed.

Monthly sample @ Stepanek Residence, E-coli sample

8-7-18 thru 8-14-18 Dwight backwashed.

8-13-18 New Filters 37 days, 1,380,600 gallons.

8-14-18 unplugged radio controls at Big Piney reservoir because of storm.

8-15-18 charged battery @ big Piney Reservoir

8-16-18 #3 pump lost prime last night, lots of air

8-21-18 took last e-coli sample

8-26-18 Sunday water pumped 53,780 gallons (3080 gallons more than Sunday 8-12-18 and  
13,790 gallon more than Sunday 8-19-18) possible leak

8-27-18 pumped 47,000 gallons (3,730 gallons less than Monday 8-13-18)

8-28-18 Tuesday pumped 56,030 gallons PROBABLY a LEAK. Late afternoon Mary Johnson stopped and told me there was water surfacing at the edge of the road on the North Pioneer loop (across from 10010 Pioneer Lane. I called South Dakota One Call for cable locations (5:47 PM ticket # 1824019073) Black Hills Electric Cooperative and Century Link have 48 normal work week business hours to locate their lines. A water leak does not qualify as an EMERGENCY. I called Alan Sage and said he could rearrange his schedule and be there Friday Morning to dig. Hawkins Chemical delivered about 68 gallons of Alum & 93 gallons of chlorine to the pit.

8-30-18 Thursday leak is much worse. Pumped 79,200 gallons (46,040 gallons more than Thursday 8-23-18) Thank you to Larry for doing the call multiplier for the water customers affected.

8-31-18 Alan Sage started digging. Sometime around 10:00 AM Mike Leiby from Pennington County Highway Department stopped and told us we could not do any more digging until we got a "Permit for Utility Installation or Excavation Within the Public Right-of-Ways" and the earliest we could get one would be Tuesday 9-4-18 because of Labor Day being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. He also told Al that he needed to give the County a \$5000 bond to get the permit. He said we also need type III signs in place before we could start the repair.

At that point Al said he was done and I would need to get someone else to dig on Tuesday. At that point the leak was too bad to turn the water back on, and would mean 8-10 customers would be out of water 4 days. Al called his wife to see about getting a bond and they worked together to get a bond later Friday afternoon. Thanks to Craig Fischer for going to Piedmont and picking up the signs for us. Later in the day Mike Leiby said he was bringing out the permit for us to fill out. After all was said and done and a 4 ½ hour delay we were able to start digging again. It took a lot of teamwork. Thanks to Ron Gordon for providing some tools and thanks to Rick for getting me township, Range and Section number required on the permit. We were able to get the water on for all but one customer. It required an additional one inch valve.

9-1-18 Alan Sage dug across the road and finished hooking up the service line to 10010 Pioneer. Al installed a new curb stop. The service line across the road is in a sleeve now. Alan had to dig across the road because the ditch under the road had caved in about half way and there would have been no way to fill and compact the area under the road. Thanks also to Dwight Johnson who helped on Saturday. The leak was a 2 ½“ split in the poly pipe under the road. Al said in all his years of digging he has never seen such saturated ground. He will come back later in the week to finish up the grading and seeding. Right now the dirt is too wet to work.

Attached is copy of the Permit and a copy of Pennington County Ordinance 11. We will need a new permit every time we dig in Heritage Homes, Rolling Hills, and along Hisega Road. This leak could not have been fixed any sooner:

Tuesday afternoon identify the leak and call for cable location; line up digger

On Thursday areas were located (Black Hills Electric and Century Link have 48 normal week hours to locate)

Friday start digging

If the leak had been identified on late Friday afternoon it could have taken 5 days for location because of the weekend and a Monday Holiday. Also, a thanks to Alan Sage for being able to dig on short notice.

We need to talk to our new County Commissioner to see if they can have a person on call to issue digging permits. County employees are working 4-day weeks and every weekend is a 3-day weekend for them. (this was a 4 day because of the Monday Holiday)

We pumped 1,184,996 gallons in August.

Suggestion made that HMWI look into purchasing the different signs required by the County for doing excavation. Scot should contact Summit Signs about the cost to purchase. Eight signs were required. Scot will look into different options for purchasing the signs.

Scot does not have a price for a solar charging unit yet. Randy is going to contact Lee DeLange with GenPro concerning a solar charging unit.

**Permit for Utility Installation or Excavation Within the Public Right-of-Ways:** Discussion about securing the permit and the required Bond.

**Approval of Invoice:** Western Communications Invoice for \$2038.80 to replace the Zetron at the Big

Piney Reservoir. Ron made a motion to approve payment of the invoice; Rick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bookkeeper's Report:** Craig made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** The August 13, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Craig made motion to approve the minutes; Rick seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Storage Structure:** Mike Feuillerat moved the 40' storage unit and put it in place for \$600 - \$700 the week of August 20; Mike will be providing the invoice soon. Randy suggested that we get an additional solar unit for the property on Lindsey so lights can be available around the storage unit

**Committee Members & Responsibilities:**

**By-Laws Committee:** Byron will be meeting with some of the individuals who expressed interest in serving on the committee following the adjournment of the regular Board meeting.

**Internal Audit Committee:**

Penny will contact the members who volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will meet September 17, 6:30 PM. Four Board Members and three members at large will serve as the committee. The four Board Members: Craig, Ron, Penny & Randy; the three Members at Large will be contacted by Penny.

**Remote Water meters Grant Money:** Rick will get a formal proposal from the supplier (Core & Main sell Sensus meters to Rapid City). Mark will provide a proposal to Rick prior to the October meeting.

Mick and/or Keith will appear at the next Board meeting to provide information about the grant process they think is available to HMWI. Larry will provide the contact information to Randy for the person (Denise Livingston) who worked with HMWI in securing the Loan/Grant money from DENR. If Keith & Mick have not made any progress by the next Board meeting the Board will take a different route to secure grant money. Ron made the above motion Rick seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Randy will be absent from the October Board meeting; Rick will chair the meeting.

Being no further business, Ron made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Rick. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM, Monday, October 8, 2018 at the JSFSD.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Deibert  
Transcriber