

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting – May 8, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Rimrock Community Center

Present: Justin Mayes, President (2024); John Kolasa, Vice-President (2023); Craig Fischer, Treas. (2023); Jane Russell, Secretary (2025), Steve Vadney Director (2025), Scot Licht, Manager/Water Operator

Absent: Larry Deibert, transcriber
Justin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Guests: None

Operator/Manager's Report: April 2023 5-6-23

4-3-23 New Filters PM, 8 days, 398,980 gallons

4-6-23 Water Sample @ Licht Residence

4-8-23 Spike in water usage. 26,579 more gallons used than previous day. Usage back to normal 2 days later.

4-12-23 Pump Quit during night of the 11th, reservoir down 2.6'

4-12-23 New Filters PM, 8 days, 457,116 gallons

4-16-23 Creek bottom over intake area is very muddy

4-16-23 New Filters PM, 3 ½ days, 227,836 gallons

4-17-23 Purchased hip waders from Cabela's.

4-20-23 Dick Mareska called because he was concerned that we would keep his deposit and he would be out \$1000. I explained that when he sold his home, he would get his \$1000 deposit back and the new owner would have to pay a \$1000 deposit. He went on to say that as a stock holder in Hisega Meadows Water he should be earning interest on his deposit and that as Hisega Meadows Water Inc gets more valuable with the improvements we have made his deposit should be worth more. He said the deposit is a bad investment.

John Kolasa and I spent an hour and 45 minutes wading in the creek and raking muck off the bottom over our intake area. We did not find our intake pipe. Additional raking would be beneficial. The raking we did was a big help.

4-26-23 New Filters PM, 10 ½ days, 601,060 gallons

Rural Water came out 3 days in April. We ruled out one potential leak, found that the curb stop was a drain back.

Checked on Evergreen reservoir and found drain valve broken (not leaking). We also identified an unknown valve as a shut off valve on the dedicated discharge line from the reservoir.

Mike worked 8 days in April, Dwight worked 2 days.

We are continuing to back wash 5 times per day as opposed to a normal 2 times.

We pumped 1,587,777 gallons of water in April.

Over-due accounts report: as of 5/06/23

<u>Member</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Over 30</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Steve Cramer	\$114.36	\$112.30	\$ 95.72	\$0	\$322.38
Totals	\$114.36	\$112.30	\$ 95.72	\$0	\$322.38

Current Invoices due (anything over \$2,000):

Bookkeeper's Report:

Question came up about the \$321 Bank Charges; Larry failed to provide an explanation for the high bank charges and is including one for these May minutes. The \$321 charge consisted of four items:

1. \$92.85 Normal bank charge but a little higher than a normal month of \$60.50.
2. \$17.00 Stop payment on Ashley Roth's first water deposit refund because after two months the check did not arrive.
3. \$208.15 Duane Gray's ACH water payment for two months' that Marilee was going to stop since they had no money in their account. The water fees were to be deducted from their water deposit refund at the end.
4. \$3.00 Was the bank's fee for return of a deposited item, which was the Gray's ACH payment. Marilee reduced Sage's invoice to us by the \$3 as it was her responsibility to stop the Gray's ACH payment.

End result: by the end of May, \$208.15 + \$3.00 = \$211.15 was credited to HMWI account without any money changing hands because of the water payments being deducted from the deposit refund.

Jane made a motion to approve the April treasurer's report, John seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

April 10, 2023 minutes were reviewed Steve made a motion to approve the minutes, Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business

HMWI tax returns and loss of 501(c)(3) status: Craig made motion to reject Larry's offer to resign or not pay his salary during the time necessary to resolve tax issues with the IRS but to continue paying Larry his salary while the situation is being resolved, Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pit area clean-up: What to do with all the old piping taken out of the pump house? Scot stated that some of the of the piping has been salvaged. It was agreed that hauling the piping into town would barely recover the cost of gas. Scot indicated that if the piping was cut into 4' lengths it could be put in the dumpster.

Schedule for exercising each shut-off valve: Scot stated that many of the main valves have been exercised recently during the search for the water leak. The industry standard is to exercise valves at least every five years.

Discussion about creating a looped system for the Lindsey Dr./Carter Road reservoir so if a water break occurs in one area, we could still feed the reservoir from another direction and provide water for most of the customers. What would the project require? A pipeline would tie into the existing main line at the Casey property and extend east until almost the East property line of 9650 W Hwy 44, which contains a lot of rock. It was decided that the HMWI Board needs to investigate what this project would require during the coming year.

Question came up about whether the City of Rapid City could ever affect the amount of water that HMWI could pull from Rapid Creek and what does it cost HMWI for the water rights' we use. Larry's answer for these minutes: The annual cost is \$740 to the City of Rapid City.

Misc. Business:

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM, Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Rimrock Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Deibert, Transcriber