

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting – December 11, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Rimrock Community Center

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

Absent:

Justin called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Guests: None

Operator/Manager's Report: November 2023 12-4-23

11-6-23 Water Sample at Licht residence

11-8-23 Installed new tubing on #3 Hach turbidity meter

11-10-23 New rim gasket on #2 Harmsco Filter

11-10-23 New Filters PM 13 days: 598,861 gallons

11-19-23 Was my day off but I felt something was wrong at the pit. 8:30 AM I went to the pit and found that the chlorine pump tube had ruptured. Pump mechanism was covered with chlorine as was the floor. Cleaned pump assembly and installed a new #1 pump tube. Mike came in while I was there and finished up the backwash.

11-24-23 Dwight changed filters AM, 14 days: 625,144 gallons

11-25-23 I was on my way back from Brandon when Mike called and found that the #3 pump was off calling for water. He said he could not get the turbidity down and the pressure after back wash was way too high. I told him the filters were probably plugged and to purge the Alum pump to see if there was any air in the line. He said the filters were changed the day before. I asked him how much Alum had been used overnight and very little had been used. He then found the pump had burned out. I told him to get a hold of Dwight and then they both installed a new spare pump. The Harmsco rim gasket needed to be replaced also, leaving us no more spares. New Filters PM 1 1/2 days, 97,989 gallons

11-27-23 Replaced duckbill valve on Alum injection valve. Injection valve is on the intake line and should have no pressure. While cleaning the valve I got sprayed with a massive amount of chlorine mostly on my forehead, ears, and hair and some in my eyes. Thank goodness for the sink at the pit allowing me to rinse my eyes with clean water for 2 to 3 minutes. I hurried and put everything back together and started pumping water, then rushed home to wash up.

After washing up and flushing my eyes again I went back to the pit to see if I had done everything correctly. The injection valve was OK with no leaks. Went home and texted Justin about what had happened. I will need to investigate why there was pressure on the intake line. I have changed that valve many times over the years with no problems.

11-29-23 installed new tubing on #2 Hach turbidity meter.

We are still pumping way more water than we should this time of year

Dwight worked 4 days in November, Mike worked 8 days.

We pumped 1,371,624 gallons of water in November.

Colder water temperatures and high winds continue to cause problems in the filtration process. Expect shorter filter life until water warms up in the spring.

Other than the above problems, everything went fairly well for November. Before the end of December, I will need to clean and calibrate the turbidity meters. I ordered a 1L bottle of Stablcal from Hach that is needed to calibrate the meters. It can only be used once and is enough to calibrate all 4 turbidity meters. The cost is \$256.33. I also ordered Harmsco Filter Rim gaskets and will be ordering a spare chlorine or alum injection pump soon.

Over-due accounts report: as of 12/03/23

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Current</u> | <u>Over 30</u> | <u>Over 60</u> | <u>Over 90</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Steve Cramer | \$113.33 | \$ 96.87 | \$ 0 | \$ 0.00 | \$210.20 |
| Paige Escalante | \$128.12 | \$114.76 | \$ 0 | \$ 0.00 | \$242.88 |
| Fred Jensen | \$150.44 | \$122.81 | \$ 0 | \$ 0.00 | \$273.25 |
| Mitch Leone | \$111.04 | \$ 96.84 | \$ 0 | \$ 0.00 | \$207.88 |
| Totals | \$502.93 | \$431.28 | \$ 0 | \$ 0.00 | \$934.21 |

Current Invoices due (anything over \$2,000):Craig made motion to pay, Steve Vadney

Bookkeeper's Report:

John Kolasa made a motion to approve the November treasurer's report, Steve Vadney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

November 13, 2023 minutes were reviewed Craig Fischer made a motion to approve the minutes, Jane Russell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Additional Principal payment? The gentleman in Aberdeen was gone but\$13,500 will come out 12/27/23
2. Action concerning Wyatt recommendations? The fence near the Evergreen Reservoir needs to be repaired in December; several of the Board members volunteered to meet Scot Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10:00am at the Nursery to repair the fence and perform some much-needed clean-up at the Evergreen Reservoir.
Spring Clean-up needs to occur in the April time frame; bring up in the March meeting
3. Action concerning Booster pump: Booster pump & Access hatch (\$2500) + Vault (\$10,000) + Misc = \$45,000+ is estimated Budget amount; tabled for several months.
4. Scot requested the Board look at reimbursing him for hours using his Bobcat (\$65/hr + tax) and using his employee-(Hunter) (\$17.07/hr plus tax) for HMWI work. Scot stated that he has absorbed these costs for the last 12 years but due to inflation & stagnant income for years, he no longer can absorb these expenses. John made a motion that we put a cap of 4 hours/mo.; Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Lead service line inventory; deadline of October 16, 2024. Rick Schurger has helped by providing several contacts in the industry.

Marilee stated that she could send an email to all members with a hyper-link to the State web site; Marilee will send it to the Board's members for a dry run after Justin prepares the letter that Marilee would send.

New Business:

1. Propose replacing the First Interstate Master Cards (annual fee of \$50/year with 1% rewards) with a Capital One card (no annual fee plus 1.5% rewards that can be used to reduce the credit card monthly bill. John made the motion to switch to Capital One; Craig seconded Motion passed unanimously.
2. Sprinkler Service Company purchased supplies to be used for future work to be done at the Pump House. We can buy it at the present-day cost or we can buy at the future cost when we decide to do the work. Justin made a motion to store the supplies in our storage on the hill; Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. We will put it on the January agenda for doing the work in the Pump House. Motion passed unanimously.

Misc. Business:

Steve Vadney made a motion to adjourn the meeting; John Kolasa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM, Monday, January 8, 2023 at the Rimrock Community Center. Larry will be out of town for the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Deibert, Transcriber