

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting – May 13, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
Rimrock Community Center

Present: Justin Mayes, President (2024); John Kolasa, Vice-President (2026); Steve Vadney Director (2025), Craig Fischer, Treas. (2026), Jane Russell, Secretary (2025); Scot Licht, Manager/Water Operator;

Absent: Larry Deibert, transcriber

Justin called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Guests: None

Operator/Manager's Report: April 2024

5-9-24

4-2-24 New Filters PM, 13 days, 694,838 gallons

4-4-24 Flushed Dogwood Lane Hydrant. Chlorine pump quit during the night, lots of air in the line

4-5-24 Water Sample at my house

4-10-24 Sage water Works removed manhole at the intersection of Heritage Lane and Pioneer Avenue (East Loop) and installed 2, 3" isolation valves. During the replacement they found a 3" compression coupling north of the manhole that had been leaking slightly. These isolation valves will help narrow down areas when SD Rural Water looks for leaks for us.

4-12-24 New Filters PM, 12 days, 506,799 gallons

4-12-24 Sage Water Works fixed a large leak at 10070 Pioneer Avenue, Silas Rowley Residence. The leak was from a broken nylon, 1" male adapter screwed into a 1.5" tee on a 1.5" poly main line. The map showed the main line as 3". There are probably 3 or 4 more houses and a flush hydrant that have similar hookups. There will probably be similar breaks in that area in years to come. The isolation valves installed will help SD Rural water pinpoint future leaks. A new curb-stop and a meter pit was installed.

Sage Waterworks then went to Pierre Lane to work on 2 curb stops. One was at Mike Crystal residence. When SD Rural water was looking for leaks, they found that the curb stop turned round and round with no stop to tell if it was on or off. Wyatt from SD Rural water had to go in the back yard to turn on an outside faucet to make sure the water was on before he left to check other curb stops. I got an irate call from Mike. He picked up several people on his security camera and said we were not professions and needed vests telling who we were.

The other curb stop was at 10125 Pierre Lane, (Dick Mareska Residence) This curb stop was broken in the off position while listening for leaks. The 4th curb stop was at 10115 Pierre Lane (Dwight Mikkelsen residence). Although there was nothing wrong with the curb stop it was right beside Mareska's. Consulting with John, I decided it would be best to put meter pits on all 3 curb stops on the Pierre Lane dig. The above curb stops were installed off a common connection crossing the street from the East. It was very thin wall PVC that could be a future problem in many areas in the Heritage Homes Addition.

4-25-24 New Filters PM, 13 days, 490,735 gallons.

Sage Waterworks did not have pipe bedding material or their skid steer loader on site. Going to get it would have prolonged the duration of the digs and would have cost Hisega Meadows Water a mobilization cost plus \$100 per hour operating cost.

In order to keep the project going at maximum speed I used my Bobcat and hauled my gravel and my topsoil to the dig areas. Bobcat time was:

Heritage and Pioneer - 3 hours (Scot) + 6 scoops of gravel
 10070 Pioneer Ave 2.2 hours (Scot) + 3 scoops of top soil
 10125 Pierre Lane 1.0 hours bobcat (Scot); 4.2 hours (operator Nick Licht)
 Sage hauled away a large dump trailer of rocky soil (Nick Licht Loaded the trailer for them). The rain has kept me from finishing up the cleanup of the Pierre Lane Digs.
 I will need to haul away a yard or 2 of soil, + install 6-8 scoops of top soil (maybe more)
 It could involve another 4-5 hours of bobcat time. I believe it was more economical for me to provide my bobcat since there is no operator cost when I am running the machine.
 Mike worked 7 days in April, Dwight worked 4.5 days
 We pumped 1,277,351 gallons in April.
 Daily water pumped went from 52,000 gallons per day down to 35,000 gallons per day after the leak was fixed. After the figures are in for May we should see a significant reduction on our water loss report.
 We were also losing water from the Carter Reservoir. John & Wyatt found that the float valve was not closing completely when the reservoir was full causing the water to go out the overflow line. It is unknown where the overflow line goes. I have been adjusting the intake valve 2-3 times per day and finally have it adjusted so that the reservoir stays a foot below full. I manually lifted the control arm a few days ago and it seemed to shut the flow off. I need to investigate further. Midco diving wants to know if we want to have a diver inspect the reservoir for spalling concrete from reservoir roof. Hatch repair or replacement need to be done. We must be careful that any repair material is allowable for use on drinking water.
 A big Thank You to board member John Kolasa for helping Wyatt from SD Rural Water look for leaks. John spent numerous hours helping and it is much appreciated.
 One member wondered if ballots, with the issues, could be included in the annual mailing packet since so many people do not attend and a few people make all the decisions. The By-Laws do not allow proxy votes.
 One member became upset with Sage workers during the repairs since the workers were not wearing identifying clothing. Suggestion was made to have workers wear bright vests.

Over-due accounts report: as of 5/03/24

<u>Member</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Over 30</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Fred Jensen	\$158.11	\$137.81	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$295.92
Totals	\$158.11	\$137.81	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$295.92

Current Invoices due (anything over \$2,000): Sage Inv #2060 \$12,602.03

John Kolasa made a motion to pay Sage Inv #2060; Steve Vadney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bookkeeper's Report:

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

Minutes:

April 8, 2024, minutes were reviewed Jane Russell made a motion to approve the minutes; Craig Fischer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Lead Service Line Inventory: Justin suggested that we have Western Mailers prepare a sheet that will be included in the annual packet being sent mid-June that provides the hyper-link to the State web site. All members could take a picture of their connection at the water meter and fill out the information requested.
2. Change the usage rate: The Board reviewed the usage rate and decided to keep it the same for the coming year.
3. The following names were mentioned as possible Board Members: Rick Schurger & Larry Deibert

New Business:

- 1. Rules & Regulations Changes:**

VII. (E) HMWI may refuse water service if it is determined that the additional connection cannot be serviced due to pumping capacity and/or storage capacity in the reservoirs, the water main size is not adequate to meet the needs of the existing service lines and/or if the State and Federal rules preclude HMWI from supplying greater amounts of water. The decision of adequacy is at the sole discretion of the HMWI Board. **Exceptions to the prior paragraph are the original platted lots (i.e. 7/31/1973) in the Rolling Hills Estates, due to the presence of a pre-existing water supply agreement being part of the Rolling Hills Estates "Declarations of Restrictions & Covenants to run with the Land" documents. This is for residential usage & not commercial usage.**

- 2. Hisega Meadows water line repair Additional Costs:**

Bobcat time (w/ Scot as operator): 3.0 + 2.2 + 1.0 + 5.0 (approx.) = 11.2 hrs @ \$65/hr = \$728.00

Total Bobcat time w/Nick as operator: 4.2 hrs @ \$95/hr. = \$399.00

Gravel (Scoop): 6.0 = 6.0 @ \$_____/scoop = Not available

Topsoil (Scoops): 3.0 + 8.0 = 11.0 @ \$_____/scoop = Not available

John made a motion to pay the misc. charges(\$1,127) to Black Hills Nursery; Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Misc. Business:

Justin will be preparing his President's Letter and providing it to Larry. Justin will not be available to serve another term on the Board.

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

Meeting adjourned at

7:38 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM, Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Rimrock Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Deibert, Transcriber