

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting – January 13, 2025 @ 6:30
Rimrock Community Center

Present: Richard Smith, President (2027); Steve Vadney Vice-President (2025); Craig Fischer, Treas. (2026); Jane Russell, Secretary (2025); John Kolasa Director (2026), Scot Licht, Manager/Water Operator; Larry Deibert, transcriber

Absent:

Guests: None

Richard called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Manager/Operator Report: December 2024 1-8-25

12-3-24 Water Sample at Donovan Residence

12-7-24 Mike Installed new Filters (15 days) & new rim seals on the 2 Harmsco Filter Canisters.

12-14-24 Received 8 new Buna Rim Seals for Harmsco filter canisters

12-16-24 Hawkins Chemicals delivered Alum & Chlorine

12-17-24 New Filters PM, 10 days, 359,620 gallons (lots of Alum Slime on filters)

12-22-24 Mike installed new filters 5 days, 129,000 gallons. Could not get turbidity under control. Mike called me and we back washed after only running the pump 15 minutes with no water going up the line. Installed new chlorine injection valve. I spent most of the day at the pit getting the turbidity under control. Finally found the alum setting that worked. Lowered Alum in increments from setting 16 to setting 8.(normal has been between 21 & 35.)

12-24-24 Increased Alum setting to 11

12-26-24 Lowered Alum to setting 10

12-26-24 Cleaned & Calibrated turbidity meters, lots of alum residue in meters 1 & 2. Meters 3 & 4 were not as dirty.

It appears that the creek is too clean. We are using .1 to .3 gallons of alum per day. Normal for the past 20 years is about 1 gallon per day. It is very difficult to make fairly clean water cleaner. I worked with Wyatt from SD Rural water to update our Emergency Response Plan (must be done every 3 years) I have a final copy in my office. Wyatt spent 4 to 5 hours with Scot & Richard. There was a loss of 42,000 gallons of water from the Carter Reservoir. The suspected location is where the fixes were made on the Pioneer Ave. loop last year. It would be helpful to have another isolation valve on the Pioneer Ave loop.

The highest priority placed on the list of suggestions from Wyatt is as follows: 1) Leaks, 2) Additional isolation valves, 3) Meter pit. Motion made by John, 2nd by Steve to see how many of the tasks could be performed within a budget of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Scot is tasked to work with Alan Sage to see how much can be accomplished within the budget. Schedule Alan Sage to begin working on some isolation valves in May.

We pumped 1,152,093 gallons in December

Mike worked 8 days; Dwight worked 3 days.

Since December 24 the system has been working pretty well. The last few days with the creek frozen over have been unusually good. First ice over usually causes problems.

Over-due accounts report: as of 01/02/25

<u>Member</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Over 30</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Steve Cramer	\$15.00	\$337.79	\$0	\$0	\$352.79
Paige Escalante	\$15.00	\$237.94	\$0	\$0	\$252.94
Fred Jensen	\$15.00	\$119.38	\$0	\$0	\$134.38
Mitch Leone	\$15.00	\$120.87	\$0	\$0	\$135.87
Jennifer Wingler	\$15.00	\$106.61	\$0	\$0	\$121.61
Totals	\$75.00	\$922.59	\$0	\$0	\$997.59

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

Bookkeeper's Report:

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

Minutes:

December 9, 2024, minutes were reviewed, Steve Vadney made a motion to approve the minutes; John Kolasa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Succession Planning: Alan Sage is looking at some different ways to automate our system. Alan needs to provide a cost for a new pump. The field trip to the Rapid Valley Water Plant is scheduled for January 22. Larry should send an invite to Alan Sage, Dwight Johnson & Mike Penwell to join the board during the field trip.
2. Updating the Web Site: The Board would like to have John Nelson run a report to see the number of hits it has had in the past year. The names of the Board Members need to be updated.

New Business:

1. Marilee has a request from BRENDA WINKELMAN Daughter of Sandra Harms (passed away). She is trying to sell the home and had to change bank account due to something regarding the estate. She forgot about the water payment being drafted and forgot to send me a new account number. We have had some difficulties connecting with each other, but today she verified the new account and routing number. She seemed very distraught regarding the amount due along with the NSF & late fee and asked if fees could be waived this one time. She made a comment about making sure there is enough money in the account. She did allow me to draft the full amount for tomorrow, knowing I would request the fees to be waived/credit potentially granted next month. She understands I am contracted and have no authority to request this. Please advise. Due to the lack of a motion, the Board decided to remain with the R&R policy so as to remain consistent with past individuals that were in the same situation.
2. Does our insurance cover for damage to our pump house if a flood occurred? Check Hub's policy. Kathy Johnson (insurance agent with Hub International) did not think the policy covered anything within the pump house since it is underground.

Misc. Business: None

Craig Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jane Russell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM, Monday, February 10, 2025, at the Rimrock Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Deibert, Transcriber