

SQUAW VALLEY MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

MINUTES

Board Meeting December 20, 2009 4 pm

Call to order: President Garcia called the Board meeting or order at 4:05 pm.

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum: In the absence of Secretary Suter, President Garcia called the roll and established the presence of a quorum.

- Directors present: Alisa Adriani, Ken Bossung, Steve Burke, Margot Garcia, David Mercer, David Salinger,
- Directors absent: Lynn Suter
- Staff present: Anne-Marie Giese, Cory Giese, John Collins
- Members and others present: Steve Brigman, Cecile Weaver, Carl Gustafson, Athena Garcia, Ron Olsen, Tad Thomas and Tom Day

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was duly moved, seconded and adopted unanimously.

Minutes of the October 24, 2009 meeting: The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

President's Report: President Garcia noted that the new water tank is finished and in operation. The November newsletter was sent out and one comment was received concerning the water rights article by Steve Burke. Katie Belmonte of Complete Wireless Consulting contacted the Mutual about the possibility of placing a Verizon Wireless Facility on the pump house in the parking lot. John Collins met with them to show the property. We learned that Complete Wireless Consulting has also contacted PSWD, the Poulsons and other landowners in the valley. They are no longer interested in the pump house, but might be in the water tank site. The USDA Rural Development application was amended to add the cost of metering the water system. Robert Mann of Plumas Bank responded to our letter and concerns with three different offers. The deadline is December 30, 2009 for a reply.

Treasurer's Report: Alisa Adriani report that expenses are following the budgeted amounts and there are no extraordinary expenditures. Only the final payment remains to RDC for the water tank. There is only one lot that has not paid anything toward the assessment. The final accounting for the water tank replacement will be at the next meeting.

Operations Manager's Report: John Collins noted that the October 30, 2009 quarterly sampling for Squaw Summit showed the presence of total coliform. Subsequent tests in November at different houses on Squaw Summit and at the upper steel tank and horizontal well also showed the presence of total coliform. The upper tank was disinfected, as was the horizontal well and the upper system. On November 13, and December 9 testing showed the absence of total coliform. John explained that the same pattern had occurred last year. The first rain after the summer dry period results in the presence of total coliform in the water from the horizontal well. The explanation seems to be that the coliform that accumulates on the forest floor surface over the summer is washed by the first rains into the soil that is dry and unable to filter out the bacteria. As the soil rehydrates, the bacteria are filtered out and the water is pure again. The Mutual does not generally chlorinate the upper steel tank, but may need to that as a practice in that fall period. Total coliform presence does not require a boil water notice, and John has asked the state if the Mutual needs to notify its members of this problem, now cleared up.

John reported that the new sampling station is in place. The booster pumps are operating so he can pump water up to the upper tank. The SCADA system has been acting up. It is calling every five minutes. The service company has been called to try and fix the problem.

John had nine service calls from no water, water running in the roadside ditch, to complaints of high chlorine level. He also performed 10 locations of service. When there is water in a service box, or a problem, we can absorb the cost as a courtesy. When the problem is clearly on the member's side of the service box, then they are charged. It was emphasized that the Mutual should remain consistent in its policy on charging for call-outs.

The new tank is operating and everything is going well. The Mutual has applied to Poulsen commercial for refund of our deposit. Before paying the final bill, we are working on lien releases, and the filing of public notice.

Shaw Engineering has no report because the surveying work went very slowly. It was more work than Webb had estimated because of the trees and working behind the houses. John had just picked up the final maps on Friday.

Office Managers' Report: Anne-Marie reported that every expense item is under budget. All but two members have paid the first half of this year's assessment. Those two are on monthly payment schedule. Only one member hasn't paid anything toward their annual dues. They have been sent 30-day notices and began to pay, then stopped.

Motion: seconded and passed that if the member is not up to date within 30 days their water will be shut off and a lien placed on their property.

The Board agreed to the request by a member that the officer manager put capital improvement project updates on the website.

More surveys have come back and the tally is now 107 members prefer assessment, 51 want loans.

There has been a problem with snow removal at the pump house. Some mornings it is cleared and other times it isn't. John will get prices for people to clear it on a regular basis. Clear and Still plowing company is still burying our fire hydrants.

Report on Financing for next phases of capital improvements. As stated above in the President's report, Plumas Bank replied with three different offers. However, none is acceptable, and the Mutual is not in a position to make a decision by December 30, 2010. There is no project before us, no bid, so we don't know how much we need to borrow. The USDA loan has been amended and gone forward. It would be at 4.8% for 40 years. CADPH has acknowledged receipt of our grant applications. There were no offers of loans from other banks contacted. The decision was made to send a letter to Plumas Bank that we cannot make the December 30 deadline for a decision and that we want to suspend negotiations until the Board has more information about the project costs. There is enough money from the tank project to pay for the engineering.

Structuring Payments: Without any more information on the costs, the board felt unable to tackle this problem and postponed it to the next meeting.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 4 pm in the PSD Community Room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10

Respectfully submitted
Margot Garcia