

WICKIUP WATER DISTRICT

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# Budget Hearing and Monthly Board Meeting June 14, 2023

<u>Commissioners Present:</u> James Purdy, Gayle Leino, Rodney Bloom, Brad Salisbury, and Lauren Harms.

Employees Present: Michelle Bolton and Dan Waterbury

<u>Community Members / Guests:</u> Ernest and Starlene Everson, Nathan Mahoney, Carol Trotter, Curtis Peugh, and Lili Bloom.

The annual budget hearing was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by the president, James Purdy.

Michelle gave the 2023-2024 Budget Message with the Budget approved by the Budget Committee. In addition to the Budget a Resolution Reallocating Existing Appropriations regarding the 2022-2023 Budget was presented along with a Resolution Approving the 2023-2024 Budget and a Resolution Adopting New Water Rates. There were some discussions regarding the new water rates and everyone agreed the new rate structure was fair for the whole community. Starlene Everson asked how our water rates compared to Knappa Water Association. Michelle stated she was unsure. Dan explained that Knappa uses well water and the state regulations / requirements are not the same. Our system requires more treatment and is monitored daily.

Lauren made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget and the Resolutions presented. Gayle seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous in favor; Motion carried.

Jim thanked the community members for attending the meeting. Their support is much appreciated. The annual budget hearing was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

The regular board meeting of the Wickiup Water District was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by president, James Purdy.

# **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Lauren read the minutes from the May meeting. Brad made a **Motion** to approve the meeting minutes as written. Rodney seconded the motion. **Vote:** Unanimous in favor; **Motion carried.** 

# Reports of Accidents, Sickness or Death: None

## Financial Report:

Gayle gave the treasurer's report. That report and the list of monthly bills are attached hereto and made part of the permanent record. **Motion** was made by Gayle to pay to the bills as presented; Brad and Rodney seconded. **Vote:** Unanimous in favor; **Motion carried.** 

### District Manager's Report:

Michelle presented the district manager's report. Michelle reported that she had sent an email to Doug Cooper of Hampton Lumber asking for a response to the Board's request regarding progress on the Beaver pond. Mr. Cooper indicated he would be getting back to us within the next few days. Michelle also reported that Dan Vaage of Civil West Engineers is working on an additional feasibility study addressing a new treatment plant on Ivy Station. Water would be obtained from the Columbia River. There will be no cost to the District for this additional report. The report should be received within the next few days.

Michelle asked for input regarding the credit card processor for the new billing software. The credit card processor was requesting a signed five-year contract. Michelle indicated she didn't feel comfortable with a five-year contract and the Board agreed. Michelle will see if they will agree to a shorter term and if not, will stay with our current processor.

### DRC / Maintenance Report:

Dan presented the maintenance report. Dan indicated he had provided Michelle with all the testing results from last year, so the Consumer Confidence Report could be sent out by July 1. He also reported and he and Matt are building pipe racks in the new building and Matt has been keeping up the mowing at the plants. Dan has kept the office / shop area mowed. Dan will be out of the office the remainder of the month.

#### Old Business: None

#### New Business:

Rodney read a letter he had prepared concerning Michelle's performance as district manger during his tenure. He asked that the letter be put in Michelle's personnel file for future use.

#### Public Comment:

None.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

James Purdy, President

Respectfully submitted:

Lauren Harms, Secretary

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