

ELK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
P.O. Box 54
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MINUTES
of the
Board of Directors Meeting
on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6:30 pm
at the Water District office,
6129 S. Hwy 1, Elk - at the Community Center Annex

1. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Kermit Carter, Eric Malm, Jesse Russell. Denise Georganas and Jay Penrod were absent.
Staff: Charlie Acker, Manager, Rosi Acker, Secretary and Rio Russell, Operator
Public: Wendy Babbe
2. **MINUTES:** 7/11 meeting and 8/1/18 meeting
Action: Amendments/changes: Roundup (Registered Trademark of Monsanto)
Approval of Minutes: M/KC, S/EM, Vote: unanimous, Abstain: no
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Presentation by Wendy Babbe from the Emergency Planning group re acquisition/funding of an emergency generator : Wendy explained what kind of generator is being considered, where it would be placed on the property (by the existing propane tank) and how it would be connected to the existing electric panel. A maintenance contract would also be executed so that it would be checked twice a year to make sure everything works. The cost is \$34,861 plus the maintenance contract which is about \$500/year and a few hundred dollars for installing it. The Emergency planning group is asking the Districts permission since it is the landowner. The next step is to start the fundraising campaign. KC suggested that RA check with the insurance company if it affects our insurance rate and then make a final decision at the October meeting.
4. **PENDING ITEMS:**
 - A. CalEPA (PCUC) complaint/public meeting/further education efforts/ new developments (lawsuit against Monsanto)/effect on proposed THPs in the watershed/ next steps for ECWD:CA
CA made a public presentation in Manchester re the effects of glyphosate (the active component of Roundup (registered trademark of Monsanto, manufactured and sold by Monsanto, and the recent lawsuit against the company, where they were fined \$289 million. ECWD and IBWD have a zero discharge ordinance in place. CA had been communicating with Glen Edwards of MRC and went out on a pre THP and told him about our concern re herbicide exposure in the Elk watershed. GE told CA that there were small areas where they would use it in this plan (some hack and squirt and some foliage treatment). Attorney Matt Emrick recommended to appeal to the company's liability now after the court verdict. The same applies to PG&E's practice of using the herbicide in their powerline right of ways.CA will check with the Water Quality Control Board re testing for organic chemicals.
5. **MANAGER'S REPORT:**
 - A. Manager's Report: CA
July: 30 k tank finished– testing and seeing if there is a leak
Leak in 3" line on S end and a second leak too.This was a big job. The valve for turning the line on and off was stuck in the closed position and had to be taken apart underground.
Aug: problem with powerline at treatment plant, shut down everything, PG&E came the next day and fixed it.
Lots of time spent with Wonderware trying to get the computer system at treatment plant working.
Leak at 30k plant and at HH
There is a leak on the well line under the bridge too, which still needs to be found and fixed.
 - B. Harbor House project: paving/ Emergency plan/second phone monitoring hook-up/update: CA:
Roff Barnett has the conduit in for the S end monitoring of the sewage pipe. Next step is that Matt Kammerer, the manager at Harbor House will line up ATT to hook it up.
 - C. Update on planning re locating water main inside the highway bridge: CA: Jim Shupe encouraged CA to get the application through while he is still working there. CA will work on getting approval

of concept.

- D. Update on new water meters: RR: Eric and Rio have been doing meter training. All the meters we had bought were installed and RR ordered 20 more. He updated the list of customers on Ready. Today they gathered GPS coordinates and downloaded them in GPS. As they drive down the road each point disappears which means it has been read.
- E. New liner in subdivision storage tank: leak: CA will contact the company to see about getting it fixed.
- F. Well #1 back in service: CA: CA hooked in well #1 into the system with a firehose to get more water flowing, but now it needs to be hooked in properly and install the right wiring as well.
- G. Greenwood Commons: Reflections on the meeting with Peter Lit in the August meeting/going forward? CA will find bylaws for Commons and present it to Water Board. CA talked to Matt and he is willing to help with it. He has a friend who has done that work and he'll speak to her. KC, CA and RA will come up with a list of concerns and get answers from the attorney.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A. Bills paid July/Aug

Action: Approval for Payment: M/_____, S/_____.

Vote: _____, Abstain: pay in lieu of approval – no quorum because EM has to abstain. It will be considered for approval in the October meeting.

B. Balance sheet/Budget report/Monthly report July/Aug:

C. Review of customer payment status/delinquent accounts/collection on tax rolls

D. Biannual review of Conflict of Interest policy: no change – M/KC to adopt without revision the current conflict of interest code, S/JR, unanimous vote.

7. RATE AND FEE STRUCTURE:

8. BOARD POLICY:

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:

10. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

14. ADJOURNMENT: M/ JR, S/EM, Vote: unanimous, Time: 7:45 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board welcomes participation in the Board meetings. Comments shall be limited so that everyone may be heard. This item is limited to matters under jurisdiction of the Board that are not on the posted agenda and items which have not already been considered by the Board. The Board limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to 3 minutes per person and not more than 10 minutes for a particular subject.

Individuals wishing to address the Board under Public Comment are welcome to do so throughout the meeting. To best facilitate these items, please notify the Chairperson of the Board.

Next agenda: Planning for back up of the water treatment plant (battery) and generator and one phase pumps for wells. Kermit is also concerned about power fluctuation within the treatment plant and solutions for it.