

DPWSC
Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2025

Location: DPWSC Building

Attendees: Garner Edwards, Erik Krause, Kadey Cochran, Farhad Madani, Jeff Mayes

Meeting called to order at 1830 hours

- Minutes from January accepted by the Board after correcting attendance record, Farhad was at the meeting, Jeff was not
- No Public Forum
- Water samples tested and all good
- System still at Level 2 water restrictions
- Well 1 is still not operational, issue is still with VFD panel and grounding alarm preventing system from going back online. Bee Cave Drilling attempted to troubleshoot the VFD, claiming it was not working and provided a quote of roughly \$16k to replace. Our staff troubleshooted the problem with a VFD vendor and determined the VFD is operational but is receiving an alarm, preventing it from working. Appears the problem is associated with a wiring/electrical issue with the wiring to the underwater pump, possibly the wiring was exposed or frayed when the new pump was put in. Bee Cave will be coming back out to pull the pump to see if the pump is working correctly and to see if there is any wire damage that needs to be repaired or replaced. Bee Cave Drilling provided two quotes, one for the basic removal of the pump to inspect at \$532.48 and a second for replacement of the wire (2 gauge estimate) at \$9k. Our staff can obtain the same wiring for cheaper from a third party, so the Board determined to authorize the \$532.48 fee to remove the pump and another \$7500 in case we need to purchase the replacement wire. Board also included that one of our staff members must be present when Bee Cave Drilling does the above work.
- Well 2 is still providing water for Well 1 residents.
- Board will vote on the adoption of the CNN letter in the March Board Meeting.
- Board approved the annual financial record discussed at the January Board Meeting.
- Water loss this month was average, no changes.
- Board looked over overdue accounts and authorized the pending late actions and shut off notices, if needed.
- Board reviewed our current water rates and the rates of numerous other water district rates, those similar in size as ours as well as public/government rates in larger cities. Board understood our rates have not changed in several years but at our current rates, the board would not be able to address the fiscal requirements for the needs of the residents in DP. Rates were discussed, compared with other water providers and new rates were determined to maintain the current and future needs to keep the water department operational.
 - Board approved moving to a four tier rating table instead of a seven tier
 - Board approved an increase in the Base Rate
 - Board approved an increase in all tiers
 - Board approved an increase in the Emergency Water Callout fee to \$250/hour

- Board approved an increase of the Tap Fee to \$7500 for ¾ pipe installation and \$8500 for 1 inch installation
- Reconnect Fee will remain the same – no change
- Board approved an 18 month temporary stop on new installs/construction installs to facilitate a new build or temporary suspension of services. After 18 months, the Basic Rate, regardless of usage, will be billed to the owner
- Board approved an increase for water usage during Level 3 and 4 water alerts
 - Level 3 water alert will have a 5% increase after 10,000 gallons, Tier 3 or higher
 - Level 4 water alert will have a 15% increase after 10,000 gallons, Tier 3 or higher
 - Average water use falls within Tier 2, under 10,000 gallons a month
- Board approved the following rates and Tier changes as follows:

▪ 0-2,000 gallons	Base Rate	\$52.84
▪ 2,001-10,000 gallons		\$4.50
▪ 10,001-20,000 gallons		\$6.75
▪ 20,001-30,000 gallons		\$7.88
▪ 30,001 gallons and higher		\$11.25
- Board agreed to meet later this month to finalize, if necessary, to implement the legal requirements for a rate change.

Meeting ended at 2038 hours

