

VRMDWCA Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 25, 2022, 4:00 PM (MST) – VIA ZOOM

1. **Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum:** Audrey LaFehr called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and a quorum was met, 6 of 7 voting members were present.

Board Members Present: Audrey LaFehr, President; Wendy Pierard, Secretary; Laurent Cavalie, Treasurer; Directors: Susan Rule, Chris van Schayk, Betsy Garside; Adjunct Directors: Steve Marquart, Kevin Pierard

Board Members Not Present: Harvey Simon, Vice President

Community Members Present: Bo Sanford; Valerie Arnett; Mary Costello; Susan Waller; Nat Sloane; Teresa Baysden

Others Present: Dennise Trujillo, III-D

2. **Approval of Minutes from the January 17, 2022 Meeting:** Mr. Cavalie motioned to approve minutes, Ms. Rule seconded, and all approved.
3. **Financial Report:** Mr. Cavalie shared his screen for the financial report; it is uneventful. We have \$748,886 in Capital Accounts and \$201,842 in Operating Accounts. We are above budget on income; as for expenses, a new account for Emergency Maintenance was created in anticipation of the PNM project, and has already been tapped to repair broken water lines, costing \$6,600.
4. **Approval of Budgets:** While the budgets were discussed and viewed during the meeting, they were approved in a subsequent email vote with 5 yays and no nays.
5. **Budget for Annual DFA Audits Requirements:** Ms. Trujillo explained the resolution regarding the State Dept of Finance wanting reporting to ensure that the Board's fiscal management is reviewed. While this Budget and Financial Report were approved by the Board at the time, the DFA now requires a formal vote of the Board, retroactive and going forward. Mr. van Schayk motioned to approve the resolution to adopt the Budget for FY 2021-2022, Ms. LaFehr seconded, and all approved. For the second resolution, to approve the Fiscal 2020-2021 Final Quarter Financial Report (Year ending June 30, 2021) Mr. van Schayk motioned to approve, Ms. LaFehr seconded, and all approved.
6. **Request for new membership:** Ms. Trujillo noted that we've had a request for a new service line to connect 1 Vista Redonda to our water system and presented an aerial of a property's location. While the association is open to admitting a new member, it would be contingent on several factors such as an evaluation of the system's capacity, the

property owner's agreement to pay all engineering, legal, construction, and connection costs, as well as join the POA. III-D to do some initial evaluation and cost analysis.

7. **Nominating Committee for 22/23:** Ms. LaFehr noted that the Committee will need to have their recommended slate ready to present to the Board at the June meeting (tentatively June 6). At that time the Board will need to finalize the materials that will go in the mailing for the Annual Meeting.
8. **Discussion of JSAI reports:** The most significant issue arising from the report evaluating Well 3A is what to do with the 6-acre ft we're not currently using. The consensus was to move 3-acre feet to the highly productive Well 3A (at a cost of approximately \$7,000) and keep the other 3-acre feet where it currently resides at the tank site. Mr. van Schayk motioned to have Annie McCoy, Senior Hydrogeologist of JSAI, petition the OSE to begin the process of transferring the water rights. Ms. Rule seconded, and all approved.

On the report monitoring water levels and pumping rates, JSAI stated "there is no indication of any significant decline in specific capacity or well efficiency at the Vista Redonda MDWCA supply wells" (this despite some concerning declines, at least to the layperson). However, they recommended semi-annual testing, which raised the concern about cost, at least \$13,000 per study, or more than \$26,000 per year. Ms. LaFehr questioned why we would go from a 10-year interval between studies (2011-2021) to now 6-month intervals. Mr. van Schayk suggested that we look into data loggers and other less expensive ways we may be able to monitor the system, such as taking fuller advantage of the data SCADA may be able to provide.

Ms. Rule recommended that if we get the technology in the next few months, we don't do the survey, but if we don't get the monitoring equipment, we should have JSAI do another report. Ms. Trujillo and/or Ms. McCoy may be able to tell us about data logger systems and how that would complement information from pump tests.

9. **Discussion of PNM/Kelly Project as it Impacts Water:** Ms. Rule has been in touch with PNM on how they will remove the slurry and shared that information with Ms. LaFehr as it will be applied to the cleanup around Well sites 2 and 4. Ms. Rule made the motion to approve PNM's proposal for cleaning up the Well sites, Mr. van Schayk seconded, and all approved. In a discussion of the origins of the project, Ms. LaFehr suggested that in hindsight it should have been under the POA's purview in every regard except for the protection of our water pipes, and that should be the case for the duration of the project.
10. **Adjourn:** Ms. Rule motioned to adjourn, Ms. Garside seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Pierard, Secretary