

## VRMDWCA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 4:00 PM (MST)

LaFehr/Marquart Home (7 Hermosa Ln) and ZOOM

1. **Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum:** Audrey LaFehr called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Wendy Pierard certified that with 7 of the 8 voting members present, a quorum was met.

**Board Members Present:** Audrey LaFehr, President; Wendy Pierard, Vice President; Laurent Cavalie, Treasurer; Directors: Steve Marquart, Susan Rule, Chris van Schayk, Harvey Simon; Adjunct Director: Kristi Brislawn. Not Present: Betsy Garside, Secretary.

**Community Members Present:** Bill Daily, Link Grimes, Randy Limbacher, David Rule

**Others Present:** Dennis Trujillo, III-D

2. **Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2023 meeting:** Simon motioned to approve the minutes, van Schayk seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Financial Report and Budgets:** Cavalie handed out the financial report and budgets to those present, and showed them on the screen for those on Zoom. He noted that all dues for the year have been paid, and pointed out a \$3,000 expenditure for the installation of the first three new meters. Trujillo is optimistic that we may have up to 50 installed by end of June if the weather cooperates and if there aren't any major unexpected repairs or other jobs. As more meters are installed, we will start to have a better sense of the average cost and be able to factor that into the budget.

Van Schayk motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budgets, Marquart seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Van Schayk made the motion to approve the Resolution of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budgets, Simon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Water Master Report:** LaFehr summarized the report from Trujillo of III-D, noting that Wells 2 and 5 are still awaiting repairs, and we should discuss repairing or abandoning them. Trujillo would like to pull the pump from Well 2 to determine what the problem is and evaluate whether it makes sense to repair it depending on the cost. Parts are on order to repair Well 5. Well 4 is functioning, but it's not very productive so it is basically being used only as a backup. Van Schayk made the motion to approve repairing Wells 2 and 5 pending a Board review of the cost; Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion of New Well:** LaFehr expressed concern that we currently have only three functioning wells, and questioned whether or not we will have enough production capacity when Spring irrigation begins. Trujillo advised that with the repair of one or both of our off-line wells, along with the additional 3-acre feet assigned to Well 3, we should be fine for the short- and medium-term. However, he also pointed out that the youngest well we have is over 20 years old, and the increasing failures and cost of repairs suggest we should start planning to drill a new well. He has already been looking into timelines and costs for a new well at the tank site. A question was raised about the possibility of redrilling Well 4, but it was determined that that would not necessarily be more efficient or cost-effective, and a well at the tank site would be much closer to the uranium treatment system should that be necessary.
  
6. **County's Use of Our Water:** Trujillo requested that the Board come up with a Diversion Protocol regarding the County's use of our water to maintain our roads. He recommended that the Protocol have three parts: one, to give our Water Master 48-hours' notice prior to using our water; two, to implement a metering system to help us calculate water loss unrelated to the County's use; and three, for the County to provide its own cross-control device—preferably with an air gap—to prevent any backflow into our system that could cause contamination from the water truck. Melgin, van Schayk, and Marquart volunteered to draft a letter to the County to present to the Board.
  
7. **Any New Business:** None.
  
8. **Adjournment:** Simon motioned to adjourn the meeting, van Schayk seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Pierard, Vice President