

COLTON WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD  
APRIL 19, 2022

\*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

\*Board Members Present: Ken Carroll, Carl Stephens, Alan Gross, Teresa Bricker, Colin Wait

\*Others Present: Jan Kaforski, Pete Dostert, Mike Decristoforo, Cezanne Decristoforo

\*Carl Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting, Executive Session and the March 28<sup>th</sup> special board meeting. Colin Wait seconded and the motion carried unanimously by those board members present.

\*Colin Wait made a motion to approve the Financial Report as received and Carl Stephens seconded. The motion carried unanimously by those board members present.

Carl Stephens made a motion to pay Starr Window Cleaning \$2,000 for cleaning both water tanks. Colin Wait seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

Colin Wait made a motion to pay Dyer Engineers \$1,477.81 for engineering services completed to date. Teresa Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present. Ken Carroll said it is imperative that funds paid to Dyer Engineers is kept track of so they don't get out of hand.

Superintendent's Report: Pete Dostert reported on the Grays Hill Rd. leak that was a service line under the road up from Jim Hill's residence.

Discussion followed on trees that have roots that can break water lines. Some tree that should be taken down are on Farris Ct., Oswalt Rd., Crestview Drive and Lynn Marie. Ken Carroll said there are many trees on top of the water lines that will need to be dealt with at some point even if customers don't like it.

Mike Decristoforo was introduced to board members as being interested in training for Pete's job.

Carl Stephens made a motion to pay Crestwell Construction \$2,415 for work done on Hult Rd. and Grays Hill Rd.

Two estimates for four by-pass valves were received in the amount of \$55,076 from Tim Owens of Correct Equipment and \$89,091.83 (cla-valves) from HPS Pipe & Supply Inc. out of Cornelius. Ken Carroll suggested Pete look at by-pass set ups prior to installing and said at least two by-pass valves should be budgeted for in the next fiscal year.

**\*Old Business:** Project update Information received from engineer Ryan Qugiley was reviewed noting treatment plant upgrades in the amount of \$3.2 million and Oswalt Rd. at \$2.5 million. Discussion followed on talking with another engineer to get real numbers on the upgrades for the treatment plant. Ken Carroll said there is no way the district can do both projects and he thinks the plant project is the priority.

**\*Old Business, Continued:**

Ken Carroll said the board needs to decide what project(s) will be done. Alan Gross said for a \$6 million dollar loan for 40 years will be close to what the district is paying out now on the current loan. Alan said there is the potential to get a FEMA grant to seismically upgrade the water treatment plant. Ken Carroll said the grants need to be narrowed down to what the district can truly be qualified for and what percentage of the grant funds the district needs to contribute. Ken said there is no point in going out for a grant if the district can't qualify. Ken said if the district can get a grant to do one project that's the starting point. Ken said other qualifications for grants are the number of customers, the income level of the customer base, and the fact that Colton Water District does not impose a tax base.

Alan Gross and Teresa Bricker were given the board's approval to look into grants the district would qualify for, seeking the names of other engineers to get a second opinion on costs of the water treatment upgrade and talking with David Ulbricht and other water districts who have recently completed projects like those that Colton needs done.

Jan Kaforski reminded board members that when emailing is done between three or more board members and one answers back to all, that constitutes a board meeting. Jan cautioned board members to make sure this does not continue to happen.

Discussion followed on contacting Caspers on Bonney Rd. about approaching them for their water rights. Discussion also followed on placing a hydrant on Green Mountain Rd. off of Canyon Creek.

Review of employee wage and benefits were completed and Jan Kaforski made recommendations for wage increases. Carl Stephens made a motion to increase Karla Dostert's wage from \$17 per hour to \$18 per hour; to increase outside casual labor from \$20.50 per hour to \$21.50 per hour; to increase Pete Dostert's hourly wage from \$30.50 to \$31.00 per hour and to keep his benefits/stipend the same; and to increase Jan Kaforski's wage to \$30 per hour (10 percent) and to keep her benefits/stipend the same. All increases to be effective immediately. Colin Wait seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by those board members present.

**\*New Business:** Jan Kaforski said she sent an updated letter to ColtonTel on the installation of the generator and also asked telephone board members if they would be willing to make another donation for generator installation. ColtonTel manager, Geri Fraijo, told Jan that the telephone board members would like her and a board member to attend their June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6 p.m. Ken Carroll said he is willing to attend the meeting.

\*The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.