

Water Commission Minutes

5-21-19

Called to Order: 5:30pm

Present: Bob Reap, Fran Huntoon, Bard Hill, David Sander, Christy Witters, Jessica Draper, Kendall Chamberlin, Josh Arneson

Public Comment: NA

Christy said she had reviewed the warrant and it looked fine to her. David Sander moved to approve the minutes from 5/6/19. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

David Sander moved to approve Purchase Order 3792 for \$37,704.86. Seconded by Bob Reap. All were in favor, so moved.

Other Business:

Kendall and Jessica gave an update about the utility connection policies and that they were out for review. Jessica provided the proposed fee structure and the commission requested that the fees be based on the cost to process the applications with staff.

Superintendent's Report: Kendall said the department had a busy weekend with two equipment failures, a chlorine pump and the flocculator motor. He said the roof of the dewatering building had also come loose in the big rain storm. Kendall said that we need to start implementing a fine for digging without a permit in the water district, because the town's only recourse is a doubled permit fee for rights of way and no recourse for private property. The commission discussed what kind of penalty would be prohibitive. It was concluded that fines in the thousands would be more effective than the hundreds. Kendall said that Aaron was finishing up a class and they are working with OPR for licensing. He said that septage has been high lately with other facilities phasing out septage or being offline. Kendall said that Richmond may be looking at a small anaerobic digestion system in the future. He gave a brief update about the asset management project and that the pickup truck will stay online for one more year at least. Kendall thanked the public and police for cooperation with the parking issues around the plant during the busy Volunteers Green season.

West Main Extension: Josh gave an update about the NBRC grant and said that we would hear back in July.

Membership: Josh said that the commission has 45 days after the annual meeting to appoint any new members. The letters of interest will be accepted until 5/29/19 and reviewed by the existing commissioners on 6/3/19. The selectboard will make appointments official on 6/17/19.

Budget and Rates: Josh gave his draft presentation that will be final and presented at the annual meeting tomorrow 5/21/19. He gave an overview of current fund balances, past and upcoming projects, and how the proposed budget looks in terms of rates. Kendall and Josh explained how the Stone Corral brewery waste is specially treated and how their fees are assessed.

Items for next agenda: Policy updates, membership, accounting for Stone Corral's other non-brewery wastewater

Christy Witters moved to adjourn, seconded by David Sander. All were in favor, adjourned 6:59pm