

SEELEY LAKE WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2021

Attendance:

Charlie Hahn	President	PRESENT
Todd Johnson	Vice President	ABSENT
Kris Martin	Director	ABSENT
Chris Lorentz	Director	PRESENT
Freda Rathbun	Director	PRESENT
Vincent Chappell	General Manager	PRESENT
Felicity Derry	Office Manager	PRESENT
Tammy Lewis	Operator	PRESENT

OPENING:

The meeting was brought to order at 5:32pm. The meeting was held via a conference call, due to COVID-19.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

MINUTES:

December 15, 2020

The minutes for the board meeting held on December 15, 2020 were presented to the Board for review.

Lorentz moved to accept the December 15, 2020 minutes as presented. Rathbun seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

December 2020 & January 2021

Hahn noted that he had met with Chappell earlier to review the financial reports. The credit card and bank statements were reviewed and they all looked good.

Rathbun moved to accept the December 2020 and January 2021 Financial Reports as presented. Lorentz seconded the motion, which was then passed.

DELINQUENCY REPORT:

February 2021

Chappell reviewed the Delinquency Report for the Board.

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Lorentz moved to accept the February 2021 Delinquency Report. Rathbun seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

January & February 2021

Chappell informed the Board that the new truck had arrived and was the right truck for the job. Some minor pipes in the pump house had frozen during the cold spell, due to a problem with the breaker for the heater. The plumbing was fixed and the breaker was replaced. The flush station froze. It was thawed and was now running again. Chappell was waiting to hear back from the distributor on why that had occurred. Routine maintenance was performed in the plant and chlorine stations. The snow was cleared from around the fire hydrants. The skid steer would be having some maintenance done on it shortly.

The District was notified of a frozen service line on Double Arrow Phase 1A. Nothing could be done; they would have to wait for it to thaw. Another service line froze in that subdivision and the District was able to successfully thaw it (account#126). Chappell had suggested account#126 trickle their water until spring and would recommend to the Board that the District write off the excess usage, to avoid any issues with the main freezing. The service line was shallow at only 4 or 5 feet deep, which was part of the problem. The owner would be fixing the issue this spring. The Board agreed to write off the excess usage.

Chappell had spent the rest of the time completing paperwork and reviewing the meter bids.

Rathbun moved to accept the January & February 2021 Operations Report. Lorentz seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Meter Replacement

Chappell had received meter bids from six companies. The bids for ultrasonic meters ranged from \$142,000 to \$198,000. There were two bids for the mechanical meters, ranging from \$234,000 to \$240,000. Chappell would research the bids, check references and present the bids and a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

John McDonald

Chappell noted that John McDonald had sent a letter requesting a second service line on 970 Riverview Drive to feed a new house that he wanted to build on that property. A couple years ago

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while leak detecting, Chappell had found an abandoned second service line on that property. McDonald was requesting that the District allow him to use that second service line. The bond debt would be split between the two services, as was done on other similar properties. Chappell recommended that the Board allow McDonald to use the second service line. The Board discussed the request and agreed to allow the use of the second service line.

In a second letter John McDonald had requested that a property on Wild Turkey Court be annexed into the District. Chappell reviewed the history of this property that the Board had allowed it to annex out of the District in 2003/04 and therefore had not paid the bond debt since that time. The property had access to a main and Chappell recommended that the Board allow the property to annex into the District. Discussion followed on the loss of bond debt revenue, the applicable system impact fee and the benefit of the increased usage on the main. The Board discussed allowing the property to annex into the District. Chappell would research any prorates on that line and the paperwork needed for the property to annex into the District.

Rathbun moved approve John McDonald's request to annex Double Arrow Phase VI, Lot 11 into the District. Lorentz seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously.

Derry informed the Board of HB255 and possible issues it could cause the District if it were to pass.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lorentz moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm.

Attest

Charlie Hahn, President

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Vince Chappell, General Manager