



BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING

1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley

Wednesday, February 08, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Chairman | Andy McGinnis

Board Members | Frank Lindhardt | Harold Merritt | Ross Gregerson | Jarry Zaharias |

CALL TO ORDER- Co-Chairman Harold Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Board Member Frank Lindhardt

Board Member Harold Merritt

Board Member Ross Gregerson

ABSENT

Chairman Andy McGinnis

Board Member Jarry Zaharias

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Disbursement Listing for January 2023.

Board Member Gregerson asked about the Galloway payment and if we have been holding that payment for a couple of months. Town Administrator Jauna McGinnis confirmed we have been holding back for a couple of months now.

MOTION: Board Member Gregerson motioned that we approve the January 1st to January 31st Disbursement Listing.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Lindhardt.

VOTE: Co-Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Co-Chairman | Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson - Aye

Board Member Lindhardt - Aye

Board Member Zaharias - Absent

Chairman McGinnis - Absent

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

2. Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2023 through January 2023.



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Board Member Lindhardt asked what the other income was for on the \$104,000. Town Administrator Jauna McGinnis answered on line 99888 that was the ARPA funds that were transferred over from the Town.

MOTION: Board Member Lindhardt motioned that we approve the Operational Budget for July 1, 2022 to 1/31/2023.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Gregerson.

VOTE: Co-Chairman | Board Member Merritt called for a vote:

Co-Chairman | Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson - Aye

Board Member Lindhardt - Aye

Board Member Zaharias - Absent

Chairman McGinnis - Absent

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Minutes: January 11, 2023.

MOTION: Board Member Lindhardt motioned that we approve the minutes for January 11, 2023.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Gregerson.

VOTE: Co-Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Co-Chairman | Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson - Aye

Board Member Lindhardt - Aye

Board Member Zaharias - Absent

Chairman McGinnis - Absent

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT | CHAIRMAN REPORT



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Co-Chairman Merritt excused Water Superintendent due to being ill. He continued that he would fill us in on a few things that they have been working on. On Well 59 water samples were sent again yesterday. On Rock Well work will begin on Monday sending samples. Board Member Lindhardt asked for the Rock Well is it the first time we are sending samples. Co-Chairman Merritt answered for the Rock Well yes. Board Member Gregerson asked Board Member Lindhardt if it would be ok to pick up his personal generator on Monday because we should have the bottles for that. Board Member Lindhardt answered yes and asked how close we are on getting Well 59 back online. He continued to ask what's our number supposed to be and what are we getting. Co-Chairman Merritt commented that he is not aware of the actual parameters but does know we are pumping without any distress at about 50 gallons a minute but we have to have a radium test and that takes two months for the results. He continued, the bottles for the radium test were sent yesterday so in two months we would anticipate a report on that well and be able to put it back online. We scrubbed it, pulled the pump out the had a sand trap, and it was felt that contaminants in the bottom of the well was from the sand trap.

Board Member Lindhardt commented that he went to a meeting in Hildale recently and there was a company present, that he gave the information to Charman McGinnis. This company has come up with something new to keep wells contaminant free. He is wondering if anyone has been able to contact them yet and if not for one of the Board Members that has more expertise in that area, to follow-up and contact the company. He will provide the contact information.

Co-Chairman Merritt commented after scrubbing and cleaning Well 59 if it comes back clean then we are good to go. If not, we will have to put a scrubbing device to clean it and get it online. He continued if we could get it online within the next couple of months, we can beat summer. If the samples don't come back clean, we will need to get a cleanup device within the next three months. Board Member Lindhardt commented alternatively we could get the Rock Well online. Co-Chairman Merritt answered yes. The Board discussed the Rock Well was test pumped at 100 gallons per minute. Board Member Gregerson commented that he believes Rock Well is going to be our best well. He continued a lot of this radium in individual wells may be bigger problem in the region due to the drought. We are not the only place in the region that is dealing with this issue. The Board discussed ways to solve this and one of them being blending. Rock Well was discussed as being the easy connection running the line down to Cooke Well and tying in. This would enable blending. The Board is going for the cheapest way to solve this issue and have three to four contingency plans that could develop within a week or two. Cooke Well and Jessop Well are both online currently. Board Member Gregerson commented from what the Water Superintendent Dale Harris has relayed the Jessop Well has improved. We were at 17 gallons a minute and we are up to 31 gallons a minute due to maintenance work.

4. January 2023 Water Usage Comparison

Town Administrator Jauna McGinnis clarified the reports in the agenda packet. It is from July 2022 through January 2023. The next one is July 2021 through January 2022. On the comparable accounts



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January 2023 and January 2022 all that was pulled into that report was if the accounts had usage in both of those years. All the zero accounts were pulled out. In the total system that's our total overall amount from each of those years. Board Member Lindhardt commented so were up by 731,000 gallons in January compared to last year. Town Administrator answered yes but we put on quite a few homes plus we put on the RV park. She continued our usage is more but we would except that. If you look at the comparable accounts people are still doing some conservation for us because you know were minus 128,000 from last January. The overall usage for the comparable accounts, five million is what we've saved over those last six to seven months. The community is doing an awesome job.

Co- Chairman Merritt commented that he went to a meeting at Washington Conservancy District last week. He continued, on their website they have status on drought level and what they except people to do based on that level. It's a tool that we can use as well. Board Member Lindhardt asked about the Ground Water Study and if it is complete. Co-Chairman Merritt answered yes it is complete. The highpoints of that study are originally there was way more paper water than weight water. They didn't go into what they planned to do but openly stated that is an issue. In St George and surrounding areas, they have reservoirs and other surface water. We don't have anything to recharge our aquifer in Apple Valley. The Board discussed that current homeowners have vested interest. We need to stay on top of it and to not allow any more development that would compromise the people already here. The Board also discussed agricultural (ag) water and that is something that is different than municipal water. The Board discussed different options that could be done possibly with the ag water and one was putting their money in municipal category water bank. It should be opened to everybody in a form that everyone understands it. If anyone has a suggestion or idea let's have it.

Board Member Lindhardt asked on the status of the water rights study. Co- Chairman Merritt answered it has been sent back to Galloway and Sunrise. Co- Chairman Merritt commented it is critical we get a handle on this and everyone in the community will benefit. For development these numbers are so critical.

Board Member Lindhardt commented from Planning/Town point of view update. Pat Melfi received preliminary plat approval in Canaan for 36 lots. His is coming online. A reliable source informed us that Travis Holm was able to buy previous property back for West Temple subdivision and Crimson Peaks which is the old Desert rose subdivision. The old golf course property we have received an application for zone change that wants to do Cabins, this was presented to the Planning Commission and discussed amongst the Board. Gooseberry Preserve was discussed amongst the Board. Discussed developer to build a tank and run a pipe down to hook onto our system and then we take from tank to property line. Co-Chairman Merritt discussed sewage and Ash Creek will be taking care of that.

ENGINEERING

Co-Chairman Merritt commented that our Engineer isn't here this evening.



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REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION

No request.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Board Member Gregerson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Lindhardt.

VOTE: Co-Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Co-Chairman | Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson – Aye

Board Member Lindhardt- Aye

Board Member Zaharias – Absent

Chairman McGinnis - Absent

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Approved BY: _____
Chairman | Andy McGinnis

Attest BY: _____
Town Clerk/Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo