



**EMERGENCY BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE
DISTRICT MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING
1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley
Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM**

MINUTES

Chairman | Barratt Nielson

Board Members | Frank Lindhardt | Harold Merritt | Ross Gregerson | Andy McGinnis |

CALL TO ORDER- Due to the nature of the emergency, oversight that the meeting was not called to order by Chairman Nielson.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Barratt Nielson

Board Member Frank Lindhardt

Board Member Harold Merritt

Board Member Ross Gregerson

ABSENT

Board Member Andy McGinnis

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Discuss emergency water situation.

On Wednesday evening (September 20th) the Board had the Town of Apple Valley send out an email to everyone on the Cedar Point System alerting them that the million-gallon tank was empty.

The Board discussed amongst, if there was a connection from Board Member Lindhardt's private well to a fire hydrant on the Cedar Point system. They discussed if the State approved, then this could be an option to fill the empty tank. Board Member Merritt received a phone call, returned to the meeting, and informed the Board that there is a company that could transport potable water, 10,000 gallons a day at a \$1.00 per gallon. It was decided that this option was not viable as well as not cost effective.

The Board discussed getting the word out to the community to turn their hot water heaters off. Also turn the power and gas off.

Board Member Lindhardt commented, how do we stop any more drilling period, we need to talk to the State.

The Board discussed setting up non-potable water trucks for residents. Also, people can get 5-gallon buckets with lids so they can use the non-potable water to flush their toilets. If any elderly need help, we can be there to help. RV's can fill up their water at the Town Office. The Board discussed sending out an email to the community.

Board Member Gregerson commented that he is calling the State to find the authorized drillers in the area recently, to potentially see if their drilling caused an issue within our aquifer. Also, if there is a drill rig or activity that anyone has seen please report. The Board discussed looking into recent seismic activity.



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Board Member Merritt discussed we need a Board census, the best wells we have are in Apple Valley Proper (Ranches), we need to run a pipeline from here to Cedar Point. He continued; we already have an easement along the highway. We could connect at Paradise Lane, there is a main 12-inch line, running from that point, hook on there and tie into Cedar Point line and charge the entire system. Chairman Nielson commented that is over 23,000 feet to do the proper tie-ins. It was discussed that this was this should be the urgent project and in the recently adopted Culinary Water Master Plan the price to do this project was calculated.

Chairman Nielson commented to have Board Member Lindhardt reach out to the to the Washington County Water Conservancy District for assistance. Board Member Lindhardt asked resident, Michael Farrar to reach out to Home Depot and purchase the buckets with lids, or get them donated.

The Board scheduled a meeting for tomorrow (September 22nd) at 9am.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Board Member Lindhardt motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Chairman Gregerson.

VOTE: Chairman Nielson called for a vote:

Board Member Gregerson - Aye

Board Member Lindhardt- Aye

Chairman Nielson - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Date Approved: _____

Approved BY: _____
Chairman | Barratt Nielson

Attest BY: _____
Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo