



EMERGENCY BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE
DISTRICT MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING
1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley
Friday, September 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

Chairman | Barratt Nielson

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

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Nielson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Barratt Nielson

Board Member Frank Lindhardt

Board Member Harold Merritt

Board Member Ross Gregerson

ABSENT

Board Member Andy McGinnis

Other Staff/Attorney/Consultants Present

District Attorney Ben Ruesch

Deputy Clerk Michelle Kinney

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discuss emergency water situation.

Chairman Nielson updated on items that transpired from yesterday. He continued, there is a boil order in effect on the Cedar Point system, for all water coming through your tap. There is a black tank at the Cedar Point roundabout that is non-potable water and must be boiled. There is also potable water and bottled water. The Canaan Springs water yesterday was dropping but with investigation a valve that feeds the ponds had been closed and has now been reopened. This system is now fine.

Board Member Gregerson commented and gave a rundown of the Cedar Point system. He continued; Southwest Pump came out with a sounder device to assess the wells. The New Cooke well is not producing much water. We are not sure what is happening but are getting about ten gallons a minute out of it right now. The Jessop well has a bad pump. It is running but not pumping. The Farrar's picked up the replacement pump sent from Salt Lake. Well 59 has a new pump in place but was shut down a year ago with radium issues. The radium testing for this should be back in about 2 weeks. The sand filter was removed but had a lot of debris. The filter had been dropping debris into the well. They have cleaned the well and are doing testing to get this well approved and providing water. They will work on sounder readings today as well.



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Board Member Lindhardt commented we have received help from many different people and entities. The Washington County Water Conservancy District was called right away and came out to help us. Southwest Pumps stayed with us all day and helped with the research.

Chairman Nielson commented if anyone from the public need assistance during this time to please reach out. He continued; we are trying to avoid hooking private wells into the system because it is not approved by the State. The water reserve requirements for the fire department will be reached with non-usage at 24 hours. After that we would hope it could sustain that amount and usage if people conserve. Asked people to please conserve.

Question by Joan Dineen, How was the valve on spring turned off.

Board Member Nielson commented they are working on a fence around the area and it is protected in a vault currently.

Board Member Merritt mentioned the news stories, Apple Valley Proper (Ranches and Gooseberry) is operating fine. Canaan Springs is operating fine. Cedar Point system is the only system that is having issues.

Question by Joan Dineen, Do the pumps burn up if they operate on dry ground.

The Board answered yes that could happen.

Question by Stewart Riding, Is there anything that can be done to expedite the radium test. Is there any option to use water trucks to fill the tank.

Board Member Gregerson commented there is no way to expedite the radium test.

Question by Peter Smith, Who is monitoring the chlorination. Does Apple Valley have staff monitoring these systems every day.

The Board answered that none of the systems are chlorinated and yes staff is monitoring daily.

Question by Joan Dineen, The status on the Rock well.

The Board answered that this well is waiting for State approval.

Board Member Merritt commented that once the tank reaches a certain level there is no ability for us to recover.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Board Member Gregerson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Lindhardt.

VOTE: Chairman Nielson called for a vote:

Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson - Aye



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Board Member Lindhardt- Aye
Chairman Nielson - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Date Approved: _____

Approved BY: _____
Chairman | Barratt Nielson

Attest BY: _____
Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo