## NAVAJO DAM DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS & MUTAL SEWAGE WORKS COOPERATIVE, INC.

Meeting of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, brought to order by President Craig Pilley, at 4:03 pm. Proof of quorum, members in attendance: Craig Pilley, Nancy Abercrombie, Shelley Karcher, Madeline Herny and John-Olav Johnsen. Members In Attendance: Leo Hendricks, Ana Padilla & Dennis Joaquim, Jay Dykstra, Bambi Pilley, B.J. Lattanzi. Guests in

Staff in Attendance: Teresa Brevik (via phone), Garnet Akers

Madeline Henry made a motion to approve the March 12<sup>th</sup> ,2024 minutes that was sent to the board via email. The motion was seconded by: Nancy Abercrombie and the vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Association Members or Guests Addressing the board: Leo Hendricks: Curious as to how often we flush the plant, once a quarter. We just flush the hydrants at the corner 4275 & 4276. It is just sediment that has made it through the line at its lowest point which happens to be Leo's house as this has been an issue twice now. Teresa is willing to do some research and find filters (if any such thing exists). Leo wanted to know if we reverse flow when we flush the lines. Garnet answered Leo's question: by saying that its most likely sediment coming from somewhere down the line and pushing that sediment toward his property, and most likely due to his proximity to the plant. Craig explained that they flush down from the tank via gravity. Leo wanted clarification that the sediment is coming from the lines not the plant. Leo asked if he could be notified when the techs are going to flush. Craig asked Madeline and Garnet if that was possible. It is and when notified Madeline will send an alert out on the website to let residents know. Also to give Leo a heads up to run his frost free for a bit.

## **ON- GOING BUSINESS:**

PLANT UPDATE: Everything is going well. MORS are good and they have been accepted by Joe Savage. Teresa is working on the Annual CCR and hopefully will be distributed sometime in May. It is due July first. Teresa moved a meter at Dam Site RV Park. As well as put in a new meter at Dam Site as well, this past week. Madeline Henry explained that Teresa had reached out and let us know about a rural water conference and we need a delegate. Teresa and Madeline asked John-Olav. Shelley Karcher said that she may be able to represent NDDWC if John-Olav was unable. Madeline received a call from Fire Chief of San Juan County, and they are conducting their yearly inspection. They needed to know how many gallons of water our tank holds and how many hydrants we have in the community and thanks to Teresa, Garnet, and Jay we got that taken care of.

**EXPENSE REPORT:** Ana asked what account the \$982 is from. Nancy explained it's from our business savings account. We moved funds around to prep for our upcoming loan payment in July. We also still have funds coming in from the grant reimbursement from the records building. Per usual we passed the bank records around for the meeting attendees to look at.

John-Olav made a motion to approve the expense reports for the month. The motion was seconded by: Shelley Karcher. The vote to approve was unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**TANK PROJECT**: Teresa is working on the RFP and will have it ready for the next board meeting. She has already spoken to a few different companies concerning our tank project. This will include design, construction, and engineering. Concern was raised about the BLM land. Teresa explained that they can make it work with what they've got up there. The engineers can get creative if need be.

**PLANT LOAN UPDATE:** We have been in the process of getting the terms of our RIP loan refinanced. 20 years, 1% interest rate on our RIP loan. Saving us a total of \$1000.00 total. Madeline Henry has been in contact with RCAC, and they are a group that helps rural water associations find grants and funding for many different things. They conduct an analysis of our association, mainly taking the past 3 fiscal years, our operations, and a few other aspects and then they can pinpoint exactly which funds are available and where they can provide support etc.

Nancy Abercrombie made a motion to accept the refinance proposal and move forward with the process. The motion was seconded by John-Olav. The vote to approve the loan refinance was unanimous.

John-Olav made a motion to accept the to accept that RCAC conduct an analysis of our rural water association.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Open for discussion: Jimmy Hodges- the water commissioner said that the publication of our water permits back in November/December of 2023. As of now, Shawn Williams, the state engineer is handling our permit. It could be a week or two or potentially 5 years. Also, LaTisha Yazzie is no longer with them. We have water and we are permitted 100%. All is well where that's concerned.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Madeline Henry and the motion was seconded by: Nancy Abercrombie. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm. The next regular meeting is MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4pm. Location: 4B rd. 42670 (Records Building next to the plant)