

**NAVAJO DAM DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS & MUTUAL SEWAGE WORKS COOPERATIVE, INC**

**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

**Meeting brought to order by: President Craig Pilley at 4:10 pm. Proof of quorum; board members in attendance: Madeline Henry, John -Olav Johnsen, Shelley Karcher, Nancy Abercrombie (via phone) Staff in Attendance: Teresa Garcia, Garnet Akers . Members in Attendance: Scott & Rebecca Horton. Guests in Attendance: N/A.**

**Vote On Minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** The board reviewed the February Minutes via email.

**Madeline Henry made motion to approve the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. John-Olav Johnsen seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.**

**ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

**PLANT UPDATE:** Plant is running well; we will need more chemicals soon. Teresa also mentioned the filters. While extremely expensive we have made it 14 years with the filters we have now. Per the Lead/copper meeting Teresa attended, regarding our service lines- do we have any guarantee that we do not have any lead and copper lines? We need this before October 16<sup>th</sup> is when this needs to be turned in. Madeline and Teresa will get this together. Teresa is also trying to get a quote for a high service pump. She said they'd be about \$1800. Shelley asked if the larger pump would be the main and the smaller pumps would be the backup. Teresa said that is a possibility.

**John-Olav made a motion to approve the purchase of new filters providing the funds are available. Shelley Karcher seconded the motion. Vote to approve the filter purchase was unanimous.**

**EXPENSE REPORTS:** The board reviewed the bank reports via email and passed them around to meeting goers.

**Madeline Henry made a motion to approve the expense reports for the month. John-Olav Johnsen seconded the motion.**

**BUILDING UPDATE:** Final inspection has been attempted twice now. Both times have fallen through. We bought chairs, tables, and shelves. The state approved the purchase of gravel, we have (6 loads of gravel coming in to cover the lot. Rex Farnsworth will handle spreading the gravel. Rex poured a 10ft wide concrete pad between the new building and the plant.

John-Olav asked about the situation with the floodplain coordinator. We have heard nothing.

Craig explained that we're trying to spend as much of the grant money as possible.

Garnet asked about some acoustic foam/ paneling for the building regarding using the rest of the grant money. Craig suggested that Big R has rubber livestock matts that would help a lot. Teresa knows someone who installs the rubber mats in stock trailers. She can pass along that contact info.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEW TANK UPDATE:** Nancy has been looking for RFP more than 60,000 trying to find 3 people, The tank needs to go on top of the hill to gravity feed. With a bigger pump at the plant. Craig mentioned that we need to find someone to do the tank project from start to finish. Teresa said she may be able to help with that as well. As she used to do that before hand. We have \$900,000 for the tank project and Teresa said our PM can be taken care of within the grant.

**VOTE ON ITEMS PURCHASED:**

We purchased shelves, chairs, and tables these items came to \$2160 total. We passed around the purchase orders and invoices to the meeting goers.

Madeline Henry made motion to accept the purchase of the tables, chairs, and shelves. Shelley Karcher seconded the motion to approve purchase. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Shelley mentioned that we're at the end of the wire for the grant money/project. As of Mach 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Scott Horton asked how many members are in the community. Madeline Henry said there are 209 meters total and 12 of those meters are commercial. Jonh-Olav Johnsen asked Teresa to explain her position and what it takes to operate/run our water plant. Teresa has a water level 4, and our plant requires a water level 3. She has several certifications and training to operate our plant and provide clean water to our community, per state requirements.

Craig explained that for many years we did not have water rights. We only had well water rights. The well went bad and got permission from the state to dig a tunnel under the river to the infiltration gathering and pull surface water to produce water. Thanks to the current administration, the community now has water rights and an extra 45-acre feet of water. Scott Horton asked how we in terms of water usage are; Teresa explained that in terms of water rights were doing good. We use about 30–40-acre feet per year. John-Olav Johnsen asked if we could supply the community and the state parks with their new project (if it ever comes about) in terms of Pumping/filtration could we supply that? Teresa said not really, of course it would be possible but not without a lot of work and money and lots of changes/ upgrades.

Craig explained that before Teresa came on, we had 17 outstanding violations with the state when Teresa took over, it took about a year she and the plant techs cleaned our water up and we now have some of the best water in the state and have for a few years now.

**Closing comments or questions:**

**The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: John-Olav Johnsen\_ and the motion was seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ . The vote to adjourn was 4:49**

**The next regular meeting will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Location & Time: to be determined.**