

**OTEMWC Board of Directors Meeting
September 27, 2023**

The meeting was held at the home of Mike & Ida Rhodes and called to order at 4:34 p.m. Board members present were Nancy Eckhous, Dennis Jorgensen, Greg Kniss, Mike Rhodes and Eric Lane via Zoom. David Mexico, watermaster, and Todd Burnett from Solarponics also participated.

Solar Project

Todd Burnett of Solarponics provided an update regarding cooperation with PG&E to accelerate the project. He reports that Solarponics is “ready to go” having equipment and panels awaiting PG&E milestones to first complete. A PG&E site visit is needed next and encourages the board to agitate aggressively with PG&E to have this take place. The water company has expensed ~\$40K thus far, the next payment of 35% of the entire project will be expected once permits are issued.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Greg provided the Statement of Cash Collected and Expenditures through August 2023 pointing out several items of interest. Noting, for example, that we have \$894 interest income, a substantial increase to recent history. Electricity is running high (\$9,285), though below budget to date. Similarly, recent repair expense is \$6,295 yet also below budget to date. Our reserve funds (\$257,648) have decreased by solar project expenses but remain above our reserve budget of \$163,000. With the exception of water usage for one lot, aged A/R and water usage were reported by Greg as normal.

Bank Balance: Checking	\$ 26,755.28
MB&T Money Mrkt	<u>\$ 250,893.32</u>
Total:	\$ 277,648.60

Watermaster’s Report

Dave reported that August and September Bacti tests all passed and SAFER reports were sent to the state (for well standing and pumping water levels). Repair and maintenance activities include: (7/23-24) pipe & valve repairs at lot 55 disrupted service for 6 hours, (7/25) hydrant test conducted for Fire Dept, (8/30) Well#7 hypochlorinator maintenance conducted. Dave alerted the board that the state will likely require water companies to meet a lower Chromium-6 content standard by years-end. Fortunately, our Chromium-6 levels have been and currently remain below the intended standard. Over time this may change. Dave received two bids for fencing our back-up generator. A motion to have The Fencing Factory install the fencing for \$4,560 was seconded by Greg and approved unanimously. Dave also summarized his intention to convert his practice to a corporation. This would allow him to chart a graceful path to retirement yet continue his provision of services to OTEMWC.

Old Business

Shareholder Rules: The board discussed current water usage, in particular, a lot having a substantial continuous leak. Eric will examine our By-Laws to determine the appropriate method to alert shareholders in violation of our continuous leak policy.

New Business

Open Meeting Notification: The board will publish board meeting agenda, location and date in an effort to improve shareholder participation. Mike and Nancy will work to set up this new system. The intention is to have an e-mail sent to shareholders 10 days in advance of each meeting that would include a draft agenda. Shareholders intending to participate would be added to the final agenda. Several details will be settled as this new system is launched.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rhodes, Secretary