

**OTEMWC Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes November 20, 2015**

This meeting of the OTEMWC Board of Directors was held at the home of George Silva, 3000 Woodstock Road. President Silva called the meeting to order at 4:31PM. Board members present included Jeffrey Dunn, Bob Baehner and Mike Rhodes. Mark Abramson attended via telephone and shareholder Peter Armstrong also attended. The Watermaster, David Mexico participated.

Meeting Minutes:

The board reviewed minutes of the last regular board meeting of September 25, 2015. These were approved unanimously.

Watermaster's Report

The following activities were reported:

- (October 31st) all meters were read and all bacterial tests have passed;
- New service installed for Lot #64, Lot #64 share assessed at \$40,000;
- (September 25th) Well#2 hydrochlorinator leak repaired;
- (September 26th) Draw down tests conducted, water level found to be within 2 feet of last year's level;
- (October 5th) Water leak at Lot #54 due to backflow device;
- (October 7th) Well #6 hypochlorinator injector replaced;
- (November 15th) Lot #7 water leak outside of fence determined to be homeowner's responsibility.

Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Dunn summarized the accounts for balances as of October, 2015 end:

Rabobank checking:	214,400.45	Budget Allocation:	
First Bank checking:	100.00	Operating Fund	20,000.00
First Bank CDs:	<u>179,044.32</u>	Reserve Fund	<u>373,634.77</u>
Total:	\$393,634.77	Total:	\$393,634.77

Jeffrey noted that our year to date actual expenditures are \$69,958.43 compared to our YTD budget for expenditure of \$94,570.83 is over \$20,000 favorable. In addition, George noted that our Reserve Study balance is over \$110,000 favorable, a balance of \$373,000 versus a study budget of \$261,000.

Old Business

The correction notice for water usage data was distributed via e-mail as decided at the board's last meeting. Dave requested that he be added to the distribution list.

New Business

Re-charging Santa Ynez aquifers - Peter Armstrong asked Dave Mexico whether a strong El Nino season may re-charge our aquifer. Dave indicated that it would typically take 3 above normal seasons. He doubted that even a strong single season El Nino would fully replenish the water lost during our extended drought. Dave further noted that OTEMWC wells range from 300 to 800 feet in depth indicating that the more shallow wells have further capacity. 'Hard' water – Peter noted that some shareholders complain of 'hard-tasting' water. Dave indicated that our water is in acceptable range of mineral content but recommends that all shareholders use water softners and these devices are occasionally adjusted for proper function.

New Budget – George appointed a budget committee, Mike, Jeffrey and himself to meet prior to our next board meeting. The committee will propose a 2016 budget for board approval. The committee will meet December 11th at Mike's home.

Director Training – Bob Baehner has arranged for his Water Board Director training as mandated by the state.

Next meeting – The board will meet next at 4:30PM, Tuesday January 5th at Mike Rhodes' home

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rhodes, Secretary