

OTEMWC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 21, 2021

The meeting was held at the home of George and Marian Silva, 3000 Woodstock Dr. George Silva called the meeting to order at 4:35PM. Board members participating: Hank Cook, Nancy Eckhous, Dennis Jorgensen, Mike Rhodes and George Silva. David Mexico, the OTEMWC Watermaster, also participated.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the board meeting of July 1, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer' Report

Nancy provided a statement of income and expenditures for year-to-date June 30, 2021.

First Bank checking:	164,280.18	Budget Allocation:	Operating Fund	20,000.00
First Bank CD's	<u>130,664.21</u>		Reserve Fund	<u>274,944.39</u>
Total Bank Balances:	\$294,944.39		Total:	\$294,944.39

Nancy noted that our reserve expense over budget is showing to be significantly favorable by \$65,355. This is primarily due to an expense of over \$41,000 for 66 new water meters not yet recognized. Our reserve balance, similarly favorable, will also be reduced by this charge. Nevertheless, our reserve expense and balance will remain positive. Water usage has increased 26% over the same year-to-date period as last year that delivered an increase in anticipated revenue. Though electricity expense is shown lower than expected, it is likely illusionary due to time of invoice arrival. Nancy summarized the A/R aging report. No accounts of any consequence are late but a few reflect high water usage.

Watermaster's Report

Dave reported that all Bacti tests have passed and new State Regulations require every well in use to be tested each quarter. All shareholder meters have been dug-out and starting this week installation of ultrasonic meters will be underway. The electronics for wireless endpoints are on back order. Dave reported that Well #7's Standing Water Level (SWL) is 425 ft., this is down 45 ft from one year ago. Its Pumping Water Level (PWL) is at 490 ft while pumping at 325 gal/min, down 58 ft from one year ago. George reminded the board that the depth of Well#7 is about 1000 ft. At this time we are unable to get a Santa Barbara County permit for the generator due to air quality restrictions. We await the outcome of legal proceedings of neighboring water companies to proceed further. Dave also alerted the board that the Santa Ynez Water Conservation District will issue a comprehensive report on water resources for the valley (likely in 2022). This may include a recommendation to limit new well permits for residential use only as is current in SLO and Ventura counties. Dave reported on several service issues:

(3/26) reset Well 5&6 communications	(5/13) installed cell booster antennae at Well 5&6 site
(4/2) repaired hypo chlorination injection valve for W7	(5/16) Well#7 hypo suction tube repaired
(4/11) leak reported and inspected at Lot 36	(7/3) Well#7 hypo discharge tube repaired
(5/2) Annual EAR report filed on-line with State	(7/5) Well#7 rebuilt hypo chlorinator

Old Business

Hank was given a solar consultant contact by Dave to prepare a solar power proposal for OTEMWC. It was judged unlikely to have all our power solar but several other options may be possible. Hank is to run this down.

New Business

The board discussed the drought. Several issues were discussed among them an emergency shut-down conditions when all outdoor irrigation is to be suspended, the importance of having shareholder meters wi-fi enabled to promptly detect leaks and crafting a newsletter for shareholder distribution. In this regard, it was agreed that George will draft a newsletter shortly, board members can provide further edits and then get this distributed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:47PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rhodes, Secretary