

CANEBRAKE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, November 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Canebrake County Water District was called to order by President Jerry Bucheit at 9:00 am in McKenney Hall. Please see Attachment 1 for meeting Agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jerry Bucheit led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Jerry Bucheit called the roll with Mark Robinson, Bob Mooney and Daryl Holmes, Jr. in attendance. Also in attendance was Dean Kuns, Water Manager.

WELCOMING OF GUESTS: Guests in attendance at the meeting were: Elena Jookova, Tom Stucke, Kathy Steuermann, Pati Coulter, Cheri Amati, Natalie Spandau, Myrna Wosk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 17, 2022 board meeting were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports presented at the September 17, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Mark Robinson presented and reviewed the financials. Please see Attachment 2 for Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss. Robinson explained that the cash on hand is down by \$6,863. This is due to the higher cost of the audit and the implementation of the Priceline. Presently, showing YTD a deficit of \$5,096.

Three reasons:

1. Water sales are down \$1,187 (perhaps caused by summer rains)
2. Property Tax is forthcoming (deficit of \$2,514)
3. Liability insurance paid in advance as a lump sum

Robinson believes it will even out by the end of year with the compensation of 5% inflation.

GOVERNMENT FORMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Bucheit reviewed the check register for the previous three months. Report is included as Attachment 3.

Guest asked what is the EDD? Answer: State of California Economic Development Department.

EQUIPMENT REPORT:

Holmes read the equipment report prepared by Ron Akey, equipment operator, covering the period September 11, 2022 - November 12, 2022. Report is included as Attachment 4.

Backhoe recorded 7.5 hours of operation to repair community roads. Dump Truck was used once during this time period to drop a load of sand. Holmes and Holmes Sr. bathed the dump truck and replaced the carburetor. Additionally, they donated the cost of the carburetor (\$400). Bucheit thanked them. Mooney asked that the minutes reflect a sincere thank you from the community and if anyone wants to drop off some Tecate for them that would be fine too. The Ford Ranger battery was replaced and still needs suspension work. Bucheit received a recall on the replacements. Generator has not been run during this period.

Solar continues to support the community with low cost power bills. There will be a true up in December 2022. Robinson reported that Aaron Ross is willing to watch over our solar system. A guest offered the suggestion that if a decrease in production is identified that the panels should be wiped to ensure they are not dusty to maximize production..

SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS: Dean Kuns presented his report covering the period September 18, through November 12, 2022 (Attachment 5). Kuns thanked Karyn and Scout for identifying a leak on Canebrake and Palo Verde. Holmes asked if leak was caused by SDGE trucks? Kuns thinks it was not. Instead it appeared to be caused by rocks on the black poly flex pipe as he only had to replace a one-foot section.

Question by Kathy Steuermann: Did you measure the level of the water? Bucheit indicated that we do not have the reports as of yet, but the Mooney well was sounded at 326 feet and the Peterson at 480 feet. Will check and communicate when reports are received.

Mooney observed a boulder on a line walk with Kuns that was deflected by the protective barrier on the Price line commended our upgraded system.

WATER DELIVERY INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE:

Discussion about forming a committee to evaluate future repairs and feasibility of rebuilding the entire system. Do we need a committee of two Board of Directors (BOD) and three from the community? Or shall we use the existing BOD? Mooney indicates no need as we need to handle the block tank immediately. He would rather have a

committee to deal with the issue of the block tank. Bucheit referenced research by Bob Fritz and others regarding future and long-range repairs.

Cheri Amati reported on the committee that developed the five year plan with Bob Fritz and Donna Coiffi. It was written and not adopted by the Board, but the report already has valuable suggestions that could be revisited as needed in the next 5 years.

Consensus: we do not need a committee but can handle through the existing BOD.

Kathy Steuermann commented that she agrees with the direction but wants to ensure as we progress through issues of immediate and long term repair we keep an eye on both. Mooney concurs.

Question: When are the new Board Members sworn in? Should they vote on the pressing issues? Both Mooney and Bucheit indicate that the BOD needs to make decisions now. The new members will be sworn in at the January board meeting and can express their thoughts at that time.

Bucheit reported on the status of the block tank. Salts (minerals) are built up on the outside of the wall and it is losing water. Kuns and Bucheit emptied the tank during the summer to it dry out and it is worse than expected. Rebar is exposed. Old paint that could contain lead is peeling off beams. The BOD conducted a round table discussion. At the present time it appears there are three options:

1. Refurbish with volunteer community labor. (Estimated 5 years fix).
2. Hire contractors. Bid and replace (Estimated 10 year fix)
3. Research to replace in another manner.

Holmes suggests that refurbishment is a bandaid and thinks that replacement and long term thinking as purported by Kathy Steuermann is the correct solution. Robinson agrees, reminds tanks are expensive, but wants a safe and long-lasting alternative. Bucheit asks for Kuns input. Kuns thinks that a new tank is necessary.

All present agree Ann Whitely needs to be informed about the emergency and secure her agreement. Discussion regarding various configurations.

Motion by Holmes, Robinson seconds to demolish the block tank, fill hole, create a pad and install metal/plastic tank(s) to hold a minimum of 10,000 gallons. Motion passes unanimously.

Mooney asks for a formal meeting to decommission the block tank.

Bucheit indicates funds from the \$30,000 plus in the Priceline account can be utilized to cover costs as well as asking the community for donations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bucheit rewrote protocols for water sampling and new protocols have been approved. Backup keys from the meters to be sampled will be required to ensure Kuns can obtain samples during the summer. Kathy Steuermann voiced that the sampling needs to be upstream 455 Canebrake and downstream 455 Canebrake and recommended in the future, testing stations should be considered to alleviate bacterial problems in samples from individual lines from individual properties. Bucheit will rewrite protocols.

Tom Stucke notes that his address is 264 Upward Trail.

Alexander's property is in probate as no one claimed the property. Investigation identified that Bill Alexander is not dead. Will put a lock on the meter until funds to cover water costs are received.

Kathy Steuermann asked for a credit adjustment for the water not provided for 22 days for two meters. CCWD denied the request at the previous board meeting. Bucheit researched public utility's responsibility to reimburse customers. Discussions with three agencies all indicate that they do not reimburse. Therefore, it will be the policy of the CCWD to not reimburse when a boil water advisory is in effect.

Kathy thinks that the CCWD should provide potable water options in the future if the water is contaminated. For example, Butterfield provides potable water on pallets. Specifically in the summer, there are few residents, but boiling water in 120 degree heat in an air conditioned is extreme.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Diane Robinson created a timeline of the original formation of the CCWD. Mark Robinson created a flash drive for Bucheit as a thank you that contains photos of his parents and others as well as 10 years of CIA minutes created by Jerry's Mother.

Mark Robinson is resigning as of this meeting and Gunner Ramstrum will assume the mantle of CFO in January 2023. Thanks were bestowed upon Mark for his commitment and service to the CCWD and the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Holmes to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 9 AM
McKenney Hall

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