

CANEBRAKE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
Saturday, May 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Canebrake County Water District was called to order by President Jerry Bucheit at 9:01 am via Zoom Video Conferencing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jerry Bucheit recited the pledge.

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

WELCOMING OF GUESTS: Diane Robinson, Betty and Daryl Holmes Sr., Natalie Spandau, Joy Stucke, Donna Cioffi and Karen Burnworth

President Bucheit suggested that the discussion under New Business regarding the water rate increase be pulled from this meeting and tabled until a later date when an in-person meeting can be held. Voice vote by board; all agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 12, 2022 board meeting were approved. Motion by Robinson, second by Holmes Jr. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Balance Sheet for the period ending April 30, 2022, was presented by CFO Mark Robinson. Total checking/savings \$248,814. Total of current assets and fixed assets: \$412,692. Total liabilities and equity: \$412,692. Income and Expense July 2021 through April 2022. Total income for the period: \$43,860. Total Expenses for the period: \$57,377. For a Net Ordinary Income of (\$13,517). Reserve Expenses were \$3,876. For a Net Income for the period of (\$17,392). Robinson explained the deficit was a reflection of the expenses for the Price Line project, an increase in insurance rates, and a bookkeeping problem with reporting reserves. Income was on target. Motion by Mooney to accept the report, second by Holmes. Motion carried.

Audit update: The auditor is still waiting for a depreciation schedule from Small Business Services (George Beck). The audit should be completed on schedule. Final price is still unknown; it may be less than the \$8500 estimate, half of which has been paid.

Discuss Preliminary Annual Budget for 2022/23

Income has been projected the same as last year at \$55,011. There has been a 5% increase included in the expenses. There may be increased costs for a recording secretary. Transport and delivery expenses have been lowered. Money has been allocated for next year's audit at \$4500. Insurance expense has been increased to \$8454 from \$6500 last year. Reserves will be reduced to balance the budget. Well pump reserves will go to zero as the expense for the Mooney well pump was charged to the Price account. Bucheit asked that mileage reimbursement be increased as the water testing lab in El Centro has closed and the samples must now go to Kearny Mesa. Robinson will present the final budget for adoption at the June 11, 2022, meeting.

GOVERNMENT FORMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A copy of the check register was provided by the accountant covering the period from March 1, 2022 through May 2, 2022. There was discussion of various expenses. A copy will be included with the minutes.

Correspondence March 12, 2022 through May 14, 2022

- San Diego County Property Tax Division
2022 Census of Governments, Survey of Public Employment and Payroll.
- LAFCO Update Agencies Directory. Incorporated Cities, Special Districts and other Agencies.
- County of San Diego Auditor and Controller
Fixed Charge Special Assessment Questionnaire
- US Department of Labor and Statistics
Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
- State Water Resources Control Board
Water use report.

EQUIPMENT REPORT:

Holmes read the equipment report submitted by Ron Akey.

Equipment usage since last report, March 12, 2022

WATER DISTRICT

Backhoe 8-½ hrs. All hours on Price line.

½ hour in the wash

Dump truck 0 hr

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Backhoe 1 hr

Dump truck 3 load of sands App. 1-1/2 hr

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Backhoe 8 qts of hydraulic fluid

Dump truck needs a new carburetor; Holmes and Kuns will replace

Ford Ranger

Generator

Backhoe dump truck and Generator have been started and run.

SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR REPORT:

Dean Kuns read his water manager's report which covered the period March 14, 2022 through May 8, 2022. (Attachment) Bob Mooney expressed his appreciation of the volunteers who worked on the Price Line; Jerry Bucheit thanked Cheri Amati and Hank Arenz for lunches provided to the work crew.

WATER DELIVERY INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE:

The block tank needs to be sealed from the inside. It was done about five years ago and it has sprung another leak. Water will be drained to allow the tank to dry out over the summer. Two valves in a vault at the block tank will also be replaced at that time. Dean has been replacing other valves as needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Disassembled Old Water Tank Update: The tank went up for bid, there were three responses, and the successful bidder was Rob Mooney at \$600. The funds have been deposited in the checking account.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Transferring Funds from Jay and Paula Price Fund to Primary Checking Account: Bucheit read a list of expenses related to the Price Line construction. Expenses were incurred from January of 2020 to April of 2022, at a total of \$22,014. (Copy Attached). Bucheit asked the board for approval to transfer money from the Price Account to the general checking account. Mooney and Holmes expressed their thoughts about what the total cost might have been if a contractor had been hired with the associated labor costs. Recommendation by Mooney that transfer be made. No objections by the board. Bucheit will transfer the funds on Monday. Bucheit again thanked Jay and Paula Price for their generous donation.
- Disposal of Material from Mooney Well: Discussion of disposal of approximately 500' of heavy gauge copper line as well as galvanized metal piping. Discussion followed. The copper wire will be cut into links and hauled off to be recycled to

recover monetary value. The rest of the material will be offered up to the community via bid process with a time limit for removal. This will be done when the season begins in October of 2022. Any items not removed by the bid process will be offered to Phil Carroll.

- ~~Discuss Water Rate Increase~~ Tabled

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Holmes commended the volunteer group led by Bill Dimmock that replaced the flooring in the community building. The group also replaced the baseboards, painted the restrooms and replaced the bathroom fixtures. Holmes stated that "it looks absolutely awesome." Mooney compared the hall to a 5-star hotel in Paris. Bucheit and Robinson also expressed their gratitude for the work that was done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 am. Second by Holmes. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 9 am Last Zoom meeting.
Subsequent meetings will be in-person at McKenney Hall.

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