

**High Meadow Ranch Water District
Board Meeting
May 9, 2024
Meeting began at 5:52 PM**

Location: Richard Smythe Wellhouse, 165 Sauk Trl, Boulder, WY 82923

Attendance: Rand Rhodes, Glenn Whicker, Laura Whicker, Cory Gale, Richard Smythe
Guests: Dustin Ensminger

Water Operator / Engineer Report:

Water Testing: All came back good. In July, Jorgensen will be taking a lead and copper test.

PFAS Water Testing: A new water testing requirement by the EPA. It was adopted last month. All water systems are to be tested by April 2027.

Boil Water Notice: The EPA has stricter guidelines to follow. Dustin will give Laura advance notice to notify the homeowners of an upcoming Boil Water Notice with the Phase III construction. Laura will notify the homeowners through the newsletter, website and Facebook pages.

Usage: In April, 1.28 million gallons of water were used. The current average flowrate is 29 GPM.

Maintenance Log:

Meter Pit Order: The 2nd order of meters and meter pits have been delayed until the end of May.

The Booster Pumps have been greased and completed.

The Septic Tank has been scheduled to be pumped out September 2024.

There have been 2 water service installations.

There have been twelve 811 requests.

There have been 3 water turn-ons.

The maintenance for the hydrants and valves has started.

SCADA: Jorgensen has requested the Board to continue with WetCo since they are going to honor the same contract as last year.

Phase III Update: Wilson is still waiting for parts to arrive. They are still working on Cheyenne Trail.

Pay Requests: Dustin handed out papers to be signed.

Jorgensen Fees: The Board has counter-offered Jorgensen with \$11,000 per month for the 2024-2025 Budget. Jorgensen has agreed to this amount for the 2024-2025 Budget. If the meters need to be read, there will be an added cost.

Financial Report:

Presentation of Bills: Rand went over invoices and passed out checks needing double signatures.

Transfer of Money: Laura made a motion to transfer \$6627.64 from the Operating Account to the Loan Repayment Account. Cory 2nd. All in favor.

New Bank Account: With Phase III starting, a temporary bank account is needed for the 10% retention agreement. Laura made a motion to open a new bank account for the 10% retention for Phase III. Cory 2nd. All in favor.

Bank & Financial Statements: Rand went over the statements with the Board.

Julie Maxam's Fees: Julie is keeping the same agreement as last year. Rand made a motion to keep Julie's fees of \$1700 per month for the 2024-2025 year. Richard 2nd. All in favor.

Budget: The Board discussed the budget. The Board agreed to raise the annual water bill from \$41.00 to \$47.50 for non-water users and \$410.00 to \$475.00 for water users for the 2024-2025 Budget. The Board also agreed to raise the water tap fee from \$6000 to \$7000 starting July 1, 2024. Cory made a motion to accept the preliminary budget with a balance of \$313.50 positive. Rand 2nd. All in favor.

Mil Taxes: Rand made a motion to keep the 6 mil taxes of \$143.15 for Phase III, \$79.00 for Phase II, and \$79.00 for Phase I without any increases. Cory 2nd. All in favor.

Old Business:

Billing using Town of Pinedale: Glenn and Dustin went to speak with Spencer Hart with the City of Pinedale about having them take on the billing of water for the Water District. Pinedale will be requesting a start-up fee. The Water District is currently waiting on Spencer for further discussions.

19 Hawk Path Update: This has been tabled until the June monthly meeting.

New Business:

Letter to Property Owners with wells: After much discussion, the Board agreed to send out a newsletter to Property Owners explaining why they have to pay a fee to the Water District even if they have a well.

Motion to Adjourn: Rand made a motion to adjourn. Laura 2nd. All in favor. Meeting ended at 8:00 PM. The next monthly meeting will be June20, 2024 at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Whicker, Secretary

Glenn Whicker, President