

SEELEY LAKE WATER DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
June 21, 2021

Attendance:

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| Charlie Hahn | President | PRESENT |
| Todd Johnson | Vice President | PRESENT |
| Kris Martin | Director | PRESENT |
| Chris Lorentz | Director | PRESENT |
| Freda Rathbun | Director | PRESENT |
| Vincent Chappell | General Manager | PRESENT |
| Felicity Derry | Office Manager | PRESENT |
| Tammy Lewis | Operator | PRESENT |

Public attendance – Appendix A

OPENING:

The public hearing was brought to order at 5:41 pm. The meeting was held at the Community Hall, 3248 Highway 83, Seeley Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No written public comment had been received and there were no members of the public present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Base Fee Rate Change

Chappell noted that the public hearing was being held in regards to the proposed change to how the base fee would be charged. Chappell then read the existing section of the policy manual pertaining to the base fee, followed by the proposed language change to this section. Chappell then reviewed the change in policy, noting that it would mainly affect seasonal customers and that the majority of customers would not see a change on their bill. Board discussion followed regarding the proposed change to how the base fee would be charged and that it would distribute the cost of operations more equitably throughout the customer base.

Chappell noted that several customers had wanted clarification of the proposed change and after discussing how the base fee would be assessed and why the change was being made, the majority of them were in favor of the change.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution# 03-M21-02

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Chappell noted that resolution#03-M21-02 would formally adopt the proposed change to the base fee as previously discussed.

Johnson moved to approve Resolution#03-M21-02. Martin seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

A Quorum being present, the vote was:

| | YEAS | NAYS | ABSENT |
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| Charlie Hahn | X | | |
| Todd Johnson | X | | |
| Kris Martin | X | | |
| Chris Lorentz | X | | |
| Freda Rathbun | X | | |

Johnson moved to adjourn the public hearing at 5:47pm. Martin seconded the motion, which was then passed.

SEELEY LAKE WATER DISTRICT **MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

OPENING:

The meeting was brought to order at 5:48 pm. The meeting was held at the Community Hall, 3248 Highway 83, Seeley Lake, directly following the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

MINUTES:

March 25 and May 21, 2021

Johnson moved to approve the March 25 and May 27, 2021 minutes as presented. Rathbun seconded the motion, which was then passed.

DELINQUENCY REPORT:

June 2021

Chappell noted that because the meeting was being held prior to the due date, no delinquency report had been compiled.

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Johnson moved to table the delinquency report until the next meeting. Martin seconded the motion, which was then passed.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

June 2021

Chappell informed the Board that in June five new service lines had been installed and six of the meter pits had been replaced. So far this year, seven new service lines had been installed, with the potential for two more. General maintenance was performed and homes opening up for the season had also kept them busy. The annual maintenance on the generators began. The chlorine station generator needed a new starter before the maintenance could be completed. Also, the engine in the Black Bear generator was bad and would probably need to be replaced. The results from the oil test would confirm if that was needed.

Chappell attended the Montana Rural Water Conference.

Derry reviewed the insurance premium increase for the Board.

Johnson moved to accept the June 2021 operations report. Lorentz seconded the motion, which was then passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meter Project Update

Chappell noted that the first shipment of the larger meters had been received. As Chappell could not get the meter pit replacement digs scheduled with any of the local excavators, a Helena excavation company would complete the meter pit replacement part of the project.

Chappell outlined the ARPA funding for water and sewer infrastructure and what was potentially available to the District from the state and county. The District had already requested ARPA funds from the county and would be completing a grant application for an ARPA competitive grant from the state. Chappell reviewed how the approximately \$300,000 meter replacement project could potentially be entirely funded, or close to it, by county and state ARPA funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Marshall Brewery

Chappell reviewed the request from the Bob Marshall Brewery for a 2" water line to service a brewery, with plans in the future to add some cabins. No formal plan had been submitted for the cabins, so they would have to come back to the District at a later date with that addition. Chappell reviewed how much of the District's water right remained unused and that the plan presented for the brewery would not adversely affect it. A letter had been sent approving the request

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Bond Payments

Chappell noted that the payment for bond B was \$8,566.25 and bond C was \$101,320. The payments totaled \$109,886.25

Johnson moved to approve the bond payments totaling \$109,886.25. Martin seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the excess funds in the Loan Payable account.

Johnson moved to transfer excess funds totaling \$16,088.59 from the Loan Payable account to the Capital Projects account. Martin seconded the motion, which was then passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next board meeting was scheduled for July 29, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm.

Attest

Charlie Hahn, President

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Vince Chappell, General Manager