

# MINUTES OF PONDEROSA BASIN MUTUAL WATER COMPANY REGULAR MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS/MEMBERS

November 8th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Gilbert Bustos, President of Board of Directors at 6:06 PM at the Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Office, Mariposa, CA

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**, Gilbert Bustos, Larry Jones, Troy Newlon and Daniel Robarge **BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Tuffy Donati

**STAFF PRESENT:** Art Leuchner, Water Operator; Alana Leuchner, Office Assistant

Gil asked for a copy of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, minutes to be passed out.

Art Leuchner, gave the Water Operator's Report in the absence of Tuffy Donati.

Currently the water usage is at 3.9 million gallons water for October. Water usage is substantially less this month-which is good. Leaks on Mono and Creel Roads, multiple leaks on Pilot Peak and lower Coachman. In addition, we have painted the office and installed gutters. Gil asked whether a bid was gotten. Art said yes for \$1,800.00 but that he and Tuffy painted the office and paid approximately \$392.00. Also finished the detailing around twin tanks. Also resealed the roof due to some potential leaks. We had the materials so it was at no cost. Have started the embankment at 8, 9, and 10 where eroding is taking place with railroad ties. Water quality samples for October were all good.

Financial Report: Art reported that we have moved an additional \$2,500.00 into our Operation Reserve Acct. Balance is now \$12,500.31. Prior to this year the balance was zero.

Gil reported that the Business Account has a balance of \$9,610.00; the solar account has \$31,374.78. Not everyone has paid to date; In the Asset Replacement Acct there is a balance of \$35,496.00.

Question regarding solar. Gil reported that the finance company has approved us.

Question on Asset Replacement: Gil stated that a lot of that is being made for replacement of lines and Gil said he felt that for the projects that needed to be done that we would need quite a bit more money. Stated there would be discussion at the meeting in December to see if the shareholders are willing to weather another assessment. The 35,000.00 is not going to go far in replacing lines.

Opened to questions from those in attendance. None

Gil announced that he had received a call from the Mariposa District Attorney's office asking for information on the operations of the company. Stated that they would not tell what it was about nor whether it was in answer to a complaint. They stated that someone had made a complaint at the office but did not divulge the nature of the complaint. He felt it is an accumulation of unfounded, unsubstantiated allegations against the water company. Arthur Godwin is our attorney and has been contacted. Someone in attendance said that people who had been distributing anonymous propaganda were cowards and hiding behind a cloak of darkness. Further discussion  
Last time there were allegations it cost the Water Company \$20,000.00. Doug Franksen stated that we need to have an attorney. Gil feels that what is transpiring is a personal attack.

Over two years ago there were many personnel documents taken from the office; we do not know who took them. We probably have a good idea who took them and when but I can't mention any names-but they were purposely taken from the office. Some of the documentation asked for are the very items that were taken. Request for by-laws and in effect were passed in January, 2014.

Found a draft of by-laws in June 2015 but they were never recorded. There were changes to Article X pertaining to charges. We had a request from Vicki Wright for certain items which we provided on a disc—to which there was no charge (due to electronic update of records). There are two meeting minutes missing. **Motion to vote again on the by-laws in January 2018 meeting by Troy Newlon; Second-Larry Jones MSC**

Troy Newlon noted that misinformation concerning the Solar and the charges and how they would be assessed were false.

Gil passed around anonymous malicious information that was delivered to different shareholders in the Basin. Discussion what would happen if the State steps in.

Minutes for October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting. **Motion by Larry Jones to accept the minutes presented for the October 11, 2017, meeting; Daniel Seconded; MSC**

Short discussion on information circulating about bad water testing; initial tests came back positive for coliform -- after making some improvements on the water sampling stations. Water was immediately disinfected and tests came back clean. But trees being felled with heat on exposed areas - coliform is in the air we breathe so it's sometimes hard to pinpoint the origination.

Larry Jones **Moved to adjourn meeting; Second; MSC (50 minutes 43 seconds)**

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