

# MINUTES OF PONDEROSA BASIN MUTUAL WATER COMPANY MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Gilbert Bustos, President (by teleconference) 6:12 pm.

Motion to open by Gil Bustos; 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Jones **MSC**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Teleconference Attendee - Gilbert Bustos, President Board of Directors; Sandra Green; Steve Jones and Larry Jones

**STAFF PRESENT:** Aleardo (Tuffy) Donati, Water Operations Supervisor; Art Leuchner, Water Operator; Alana Leuchner, Office Assistant

**GUESTS PRESENT:** 8

## MINUTES

Minutes were passed out and read by Board Members. Sandra Green moved to accept minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Larry Jones: 2<sup>nd</sup>, **MSC**

## WATER OPERATOR'S REPORT

Report by Water Operations Manager, Tuffy Donati. The last couple weeks there have been a lot of leaks transpiring, generally at people's connections due in part to the freezing temperatures. There has also been a couple that we're connected to our part of the system.

The cross-connection survey is nearly complete.

Well #12 has a hole in the pipe. Mark Wallo determined that there was a hole in the pipe and the pump is not functioning properly. The housing and fence will need to be taken down and the well will need to be pulled up. The housing is (800' deep) and the pump and 800' of pipe will need to be replaced with a cost of approximately \$20,000.00. Well #12 is one of our largest producing wells, and when the temperature rises that Well will be in high demand.

The Income Survey being completed by California Rural Water Ass'n, that was sent out to all the shareholders has had a very low response. The results of the survey are not communicated to PBMWC, and we do not know who has responded to date. We need a 60% response from shareholders that have lived in the Basin at least six months out of the year. The survey is the first step to getting a grant.

Tuffy also stated that there was some confusion about the rates going to monthly billing once again. The watering schedule will be mentioned in the outgoing bill – along with water enforcement to be on the website.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Gil Bustos stated that we need to vote on an Alternate Board Member. Dennis Nolen (present at meeting) has graciously offered to serve as the Alternate Board Member until the election coming up in June. Gil called for a motion to elect. Sandra Green made a motion to appoint Dennis Nolen as an alternate; 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Jones

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Gil nominated Sandra Green to be Treasurer of the Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Jones.

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Discussion about a rate increase from \$80.00 to \$90.00. Motion from Gil to vote on a water increase from \$80.00 to \$90.00 commencing in May, 2018. Discussion about waiting until June at the Shareholder/Member meeting. Gil rescinded motion due to the fact there was not a full board in agreement. The rate increase will be placed on the agenda for June Shareholders'/Members' Meeting. Comments also included that people are still paying off the solar assessment.

**DISCUSSION OPENED TO FLOOR.**

There being no further questions, comments, or business Gil Bustos made a motion to adjourn; Sandra Green 2<sup>nd</sup>. **MSC** Meeting duration: 33 minutes 6:45 PM

Transcribed by,

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