

**BANDERA RIVER RANCH WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2018 2:00 PM**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT WERE:**

Bonnie Tidball   Harry Maxwell   Ernie DeWinne   Wayne Mauldin

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rodrick Goff   Ron Beadles   Suzie Crews   Jennifer DeWinne   Joe Ortega   Barbara Maxwell

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by President Bonnie Tidball at 2:00 PM, October 11, 2018.

**MINUTES:** Directors read the Minutes of the Meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**MOTION:** Ernie DeWinne made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, as presented. Harry Maxwell seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ernie DeWinne presented the financial reports of September 2018, noting that the WSC is in good financial shape. The Board and guests reviewed.

**MOTION:** Harry Maxwell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Wayne Mauldin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept, and the motion passed.

**OPERATIONS REPORTS:**

**Field Operations:** Joe Ortega reported that the painting of the pump house at Well #5, Plant #3, and all valves and pipes from pump house to storage tank/ pressure tank have been completed. Condo well area has been cleaned up. New water tap installed at Unit 2. Materials for condo well pressure tank have been ordered. A lot of mowing/trimming being done at well sites. Brush clean-up done. Two new taps were installed this month. Otherwise, normal maintenance completed over the month. Still working with Ernie DeWinne on fencing at condo well.

**Office Operations:** Barbara Maxwell reported, in Karen Antill's absence, that office is running business as usual.

**Class C Licensed Operator:** Charlene Greenhill was absent.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND BOARD ACTION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Update on Plant #3 Project (pre-final inspection) and discuss BRRWSC portion of Plant #3 project – Ernie DeWinne reported that he has contacted USDA. Before paying next invoice from Thonoff, Ernie will call him to discuss what the engineer is doing for WSC. Thonhoff still owes WSC promised report, will hold on payment until resolved. Road completion still not done, but Ernie DeWinne, Bonnie Tidball, and/or Joe Ortega will follow-up with Mike Fulghum to get it finished.

- B. Condo pressure tank project update – delivery date – Estimated to be November 15<sup>th</sup>. There is work that needs to be done on the tank before delivery. Ernie DeWinne will get a more solid date from them for delivery. Ernie also stated that some prep work could be done ahead of delivery; also that Ruben (supervisor) of Hoover Co. offered to help with prep.
- C. Update on Condo storage tank project – plans have been submitted – awaiting approval.
- D. Fire hydrant project – Ernie DeWinne reported that he will work with Bandera Fire Department to test the hydrants.
- E. Discuss TCEQ letter on operating permit and plans for correction – Ernie DeWinne reported that this is in progress.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Review bid on Plant #3 improvements – tabled.
- B. Discuss TCEQ letter on drought conditions and water conservation plan – tabled. Will continue to keep this topic under New Business.
- C. Discuss storage tank inspections – Ernie DeWinne was given contacts by Charlene Greenhill. And will follow up.
- D. Discuss Board actions in response to customer complaints – The BOD discussed the need to set a policy that all future complaints will be addressed in writing, and that responses to complaints should be signed by the Board as an entity, rather than an individual Board member.
- E. Staff changes – Bonnie Tidball reviewed for those in attendance that, going forward, Karen Antill will work exclusively for BRRWSC, with the DRROA hiring a separate person to support the HOA. Karen will train the new person for the HOA, once they have come on board.
- F. Lawnmower – Joe Ortega had spoken to Ernie DeWinne about the need to purchase a new mower for the WSC. Ernie DeWinne also indicated that the WSC will pay the repair bill for the HOA's weed eater, since it has been used for WSC work. Ron Beadles, DRROA BOD President, also reported that Joe has been using his own personal equipment when needed, and that should not have to be. WSC will allow usage of WSC equipment to assist HOA as needed. WSC will purchase a new lawnmower and a new commercial grade weed eater. Ernie DeWinne also suggested that going forward; the WSC should use only non-ethanol gas in these machines. The BOD agreed.

**MOTION:** Ernie DeWinne made a motion to authorize Joe Ortega to purchase a new weed eater, with a maximum price of \$400. Harry Maxwell seconded the motion. The BOD voted unanimously to pass the motion.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:**

Bonnie Tidball asked if there were any membership comments.

Ron Beadles asked how the new well is going. Ernie DeWinne replied that the engineers are waiting for a response from TCEQ about the issue of the fluoride level in the water, before authorizing the well to be put online. He added that if the production capacity can be brought up, it will take the pressure off to drill another new well. Wayne Mauldin also stated that the WSC will attempt to find out what the fluoride levels are in the 5 private wells in the immediate area to see how their levels compares with ours. WSC will offer to pay for testing of these other wells, to get the information. Ron Beadles then asked the BOD if there is a need to drill additional wells in the future, does the WSC have enough land to do this? Ernie DeWinne stated that another well would possibly be drilled in the park, if needed; however, WSC is not at point of doing this at this time. WSC would not be asking for additional land, but only for an easement probably.

Ron Beadles reported to those present that the new HOA employee will be starting 10/16/18, and thanked the WSC for allowing Karen Antill to train the new person.

Ernie DeWinne reported to those present that he had attended a public hearing where an application from the Flying L was presented to TCEQ. Ernie spoke against the application because of the amount of water the Flying L want to pump. He stated it would have a negative impact on Bandera River Ranch, Bridlegate, and others.

Susie Crews asked the BOD to clarify the cost of e-billing to the customers. The BOD reviewed that e-billing is free, and would save the WSC postage and print expenses, as well as preventing mail loss of bills, which is not uncommon. The charge that can be incurred is only when paying the bill via credit card. There is a \$2.99 charge by the credit card companies to process the credit card payment.

Susie Crews also reported that since the rain, she has had a chlorine smell in her water. Joe Ortega stated that he would check it out.

Rod Goff asked what the status of the water restrictions is now that there has been rain. Joe Ortega stated that the Stage 3 restrictions will expire in 4 days, and the BOD will go back to Stage 2 restrictions.

With no further comments, Bonnie Tidball thanked those present for attending the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ernie DeWinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Mauldin seconded the motion.

The BOD unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:55 PM.

BRRWSC PRESIDENT, BONNIE TIDBALL \_\_\_\_\_

BRRWSC SECRETARY/TREASURER, ERNIE DEWINNE \_\_\_\_\_