

Ridgewood Water District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023

1. **Call meeting to order** at 7:00 PM. Members present: Charlie Parnell, Robert Panick, Kathy Furrow, Dave Burgess, Steve Ghioto

2. **Patron/Customer Forum.** None

3. **Read and approve minutes.** Motion to approve with corrections by Bob, second by Steve.

4. **Treasurer’s Report,** Robert Panick. Motion to approve report by Kathy, second by Dave. Big expense this month is Insurance with a 7% increase. Discussion on which insurance policies are necessary. One patron 5 months overdue. Section 28 of Rules and Regulations addresses non-payment/overdue issues. Will table this until next month.

| | November 13, 2023 | December 5, 2023 |
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| Capital Account: | \$127,119.39 | \$130,760.14 |
| Operating Account: | \$ 59,983.29 | \$ 54,834.76 |
| Pay-Port Account: | \$ 4,955.44 | <u>\$ 7,617.32</u> |
| Total: | <u>\$192,058.12</u> | <u>\$193,212.22</u> |

5. **Operator’s Report,** Chad Sell. No Report.

6. Old Business:

A. Well 2 Easement – Mike Thomas. In Progress.

B. 28 Missouri Gulch– Charlie met owner Fred McWilson. Found both a water meter and a meter pit to purchase, currently there is a back log of 25 weeks delivery.

C. 2023 Water Loss Update – Charlie Parnell. Current water loss at 13-16 %, lowest it’s been in decades. Industry “normal” system water loss is 8-10%. In addition to the decreased water loss rate, Charlie mentioned an increase in well output by 25% from the well clean-up and additional pumps installed over the past few years. Current known weak spots in the system include Lower Ponderosa (past Bob’s house) where main line is not deep enough and Upper Ponderosa, which has seen many repairs throughout the decades. Also condition of supply lines (from wells to holding tank) are not known and could be a possible source of water loss. He suggested measuring the flow at the wells vs. the tank and will talk with Chad about logistics. He also suggested an annual water main test like the one that took place last winter to keep a check on patron water usage vs. water pumped. All agreed this information is valuable and worth the time. For Christmas, we would all like a to drill another well, however, this is cost prohibited at this time. (Guestimate is \$250,000.) All agreed that Charlie is to be commended for (enthusiastically) heading up these efforts to decrease the system water loss over the past 5 years. His service to the RWD is invaluable. Also recognized was Steve for his dedicated assistance to Charlie.

7. New Business:

A. Patron Service Lines – Charlie sent his documentation on patron service-line type to Chad who was happy to see a concise report. Since there are no properties in RWD older than 1972, there are no lead pipes to be concerned with.

B. 2024 Budget - Bob reported that the state and county are several months behind due to property tax election issue (Bill HH) that was just voted on. Since it did not pass, numbers needed to complete the budget will be delayed and the Budget will now be due the 3rd week of January.

C. HOA Liaison– Charlie has agreed to be liaison but will not be able to attend every meeting. Steve agreed to be back-up on occasion.

D. Chad Contract Update – Raise to take place January 1. All need to review.

E. January Meeting – January 9 start at 6:00pm with spouses joining for a party at 6:30pm. May need a meeting later in January to approve budget.

8. **Open discussion:** Bob presented an updated patron billing list but knows some of the information is incorrect and needs help determining that. Charlie will check it against the Patron water meter list and also mentioned the spreadsheet that comes from Jerry, the water meter reader.

9. **Adjourn** meeting at 7:43 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Furrow