

STEAMBOAT LAKE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Minutes for January 18, 2021 Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Director Helm at 6:34 pm.
2. **Roll Call, Confirmation of Quorum.** Directors Present: Jim Standish, Steve Helm, Jackie Johnson, Prince Holley, Suzie Chase. A quorum was established.

Also present: Mary Andre, Civil Design Consultants
Ellen Standish, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Kendra Alfieri, Eric Engeseth, Alan Lay, Nate Law, Matt & Kristen Barnard, Sue Fegelein

Director Helm introduced himself to the guests. He went over the rules and expectations of keeping comments professional and respectful for the meeting.

3. **Thank you.** Director Helm thanked NRCCS/Contractors/Residents who helped others during water outage.
4. **Review & Approval of Board Minutes.** Director Johnson added two items to the minutes: a. Include thermostat with heater in installation status report. b. Roll Call. Add Directors present and absent. Director Johnson motioned to approve last month's minutes. Director Standish seconded. December's minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Statutory/Regulatory/General Business**
 - a. **Update on replacing the heater and thermostat in the Clarifier Room at the Treatment Plant.** Ellen reported that our Plant Operator received the heater and installed it. He had not yet ordered the thermostat. He was to get back to Ellen with the cost.
 - b. **Update on Saturn Court ditch cleanup after water line break.** Inc. 8 submitted their invoice, and the Directors approved it. Our accountant cut a check, and it was hand-delivered to our contractor. Director Chase spoke with the HOA President about splitting the cost of the cleanup. It didn't look good as far as that happening.
 - c. **Set up an account with Grainger for equipment purchases.** Ellen brought up the need for a district credit card for the Operators to purchase equipment for the District, without having to use their personal credit card. The Directors briefly discussed this, but decided that it would be better to have a credit account with Grainger. Director Helm said he would look into it.

6. Financials

- a. **Monthly Transaction Review.** Director Helm asked why there was a reserve amount set up for Tabor. Ellen was asked to find out from our accountant.
- b. **Monthly Aging Review.** Director Johnson asked about an account that has a five figure balance. Director Standish thought that the resident on Golden Tide that is just connecting to SLWSD water hasn't paid the tap fee yet. Ellen was asked to check with our accountant.

7. Engineer Reports

- a. **Recent water outage.** Our Engineer went over the background and causes of the water main breaks on Beaver Canyon and Neptune Place. She also explained what the contractor did to repair the breaks, and why it took so long to locate and repair them. Previously, a resident had asked if automatic shutoff valves could be installed on the storage tanks. The Engineer explained that the valve could not discern if the increased draw from the tanks was from firefighting flow or a line break. She suggested that isolation valves in the right-of-way on Willow Gulch would be more appropriate for shutting off flow from the tanks in an emergency.
- b. **Plant assessments and recommendations.** The Engineer shared a spreadsheet of the Draft 2021 Capital Improvement Plan. She said that her firm had gone through SLWSD previous Water Engineer's files for their recommendations. Then her firm put the recommendations into a spreadsheet. She went through the recommendations for each area and explained what each project would entail. The subject of smart meters and billing came up. Director Johnson had previously researched the cost of billing members monthly. With the increased work for the accountant, the cost would be an additional \$6k a year for accounting expenses.

8. New/Old Business Not Previously Addressed. N/A

9. Public Comment Period

Alan Lay. Thanked everyone for their hard work during the line breaks. He questioned why additional contractors were not called to assist with the repairs.

Eric Engeseth. Expressed his anger over the number of days residents were without water. He also asked general questions regarding the Board members terms and the need for an administrative assistant. He pointed out that there were some areas on the SLWSD website that need to be updated. Because public commenters were only allowed two minutes to speak, he asked where he could direct his other questions. Director Helm asked him to put them in an email. The Board members then would answer his questions and send them out in a group email to members.

Matt Barnard. Matt asked our Engineer about switching to C-900 pipe instead of using ductile iron pipe. He said that he has had years of experience working with water and wastewater systems, and offered to help the District in an advisory capacity.

Nate Law. He said that he noticed that the water was out around 12:23 on January 18. He tried to contact Board members, but had difficulty reaching any of them due to missing or incorrect phone numbers on the website. He finally reached Ellen.

Kendra Alfieri. Ms. Alfieri objected to the cost to install water meters in the District that were recommended by our Engineer. She asked if less expensive water meters could be researched. She also asked if automatic shut off valves could be installed on the tanks, and why the fiber optic Internet line was installed above the water main, even though the Engineer had explained these in detail earlier in her presentation. She questioned the Board as to why our Water Operator is the only one who gets notifications when the storage tank levels are low.

Sue Fegelein. Thanked the Board, our Contractor, and our Water Operator for their hard work during the water breaks. She said she was glad to hear that the District was considering installing water meters, as that would make the water fees more equitable based on usage.

10. **Adjournment.** Director Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Director Holley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next meeting – February 15, 2021.