



Mire-Branch Water Corporation

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MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL: James Alleman, Danny Richard, Ken Arceneaux, Kyla Hill, Kristin Romero, Curt Landry, Paul Guidry, Eddie Savoie, Chris Savoy

ABSENT:

Called to order at 6:00 pm by James.

Motion to approve the minutes by Ken, second by Eddie. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Stephanie Briggs, Sellers & Associates

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- **Act 410-Water Sector Program-** Stephanie reported that our application was not approved for the Water Sector Program because of the point system. There are maximum 115 points available, but our score was 51. She said that the lowest awarded score was 69 points. Our point value was determined due to several factors on the attached memo. Project Severity: the reviewers were prioritizing systems that had compliance problems or health issues. Readiness: we don't have a signed engineering contract or firm plans yet.
- We may be able to resubmit this application or we may have to do a new application, but Stephanie will continue to look at ways to increase our score.
- Motion by Chris, seconded by Paul to proceed with a PER through USDA. Motion passed. Chris stated that he would like Stephanie to be our engineer instead of Larry if we continue to work with Sellers and Associates. No one raised any objections and Stephanie said that she would let Todd know of our decision.
- After reviewing the 2021 billing numbers, Stephanie spoke to John Key and the estimate that we should have 900,000 gallons in storage, so a 500,000 gallon tower would be feasible. Stephanie clarified with the board the scope of work: building a 500,000 gallon elevated water tower and upgrading well #3 to pump 750 gpm. Total cost estimate for the tower is 4.8 million.
- **DEQ Discharge Permit-** Our permit is up for renewal on February 22nd; Sellers submitted the renewal application on January 28th.
- **Recycling Backwash** – Chris asked if there was any benefit. Stephanie said that she could look into it, but John Key thinks it would not be cost-effective.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Painting exterior of tanks- Curt reported that the painting is complete and the 10% retainage has been paid.
- Well repair – Curt reported that Griner Drilling will start the job next week.

WATER LOSS REPORT BY KRISTIN ROMERO:

- 4.1% Loss

MAINTENANCE REPORT BY KRISTIN ROMERO:

- Flush out list 1&2 are completed
- Changed out 15 broken meters
- 13 new meters
- 69 24-hr notices, 8 disconnects and 3 meters still locked.
- Charlie Arceneaux Rd- A customer broke our line. It was marked, but the mark was off because they picked up an AT&T line by mistake when marking. It has been repaired.
- Rue des Babineaux- Extension has been completed.

BOOKKEEPING REPORT BY KYLA HILL:

- **General Cash Account**
Beginning Balance \$130,230.25
Ending Balance \$138,452.09
Billing 1/31/22 \$100,006.19
Meters Billed 2980
- **Short Lived Asset Replacement:**
Beginning Balance \$127,931.24
Ending Balance \$130,418.24
- **Billing Adjustments:** -34.28
Remove LC -34.28

Motion to accept the financial report by Chris , seconded by Danny ; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mire Volunteer Fire Department-They requested a sponsorship for their March 19th benefit. Last year we donated \$250.00. Motion by Chris, seconded by Ken to match last year's donation of \$250.00. Motion passed.
- LRWA Annual Conference- The conference will be held in Lake Charles from July 18-21. Daryl will go on Friday to take his Level 2 Treatment exam.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, seconded by Paul. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 6:39 pm.