



Mire-Branch Water Corporation

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MEETING MINUTES

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

ABSENT:

Called to order at 6:02 pm by James.

READING OF THE MINUTES Motion by Ken, seconded by Eddie to approve the January minutes; motion passed.

VISITORS: Alex Goodyear, Communities Unlimited
Stephanie Briggs, Sellers & Associates

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- **Act 410-Water Sector Program-** Stephanie reported that she had looked into LDH funding for the water project. LDH has similar requirements as USDA. We would be looking at a \$5 million project cost. Alex Goodyear presented loan options with Communities Unlimited, but their loans are capped at 15 years with a 7% interest rate. LDH offers 30 year loans with 2.45% interest and a possible 49% loan forgiveness grant. Stephanie will invite Joel McKenzie with LDH to come to our next meeting to give the board more information.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Rate Study-** Alex Goodyear presented the final rate study for the board's approval. Paul made a motion, seconded by Ken to adopt the rates proposed in the rate study. Motion passed unanimously. Alex will give the resolution to Callie Francois at USDA for approval.

WATER LOSS REPORT BY KRISTIN ROMERO:

- 6.6% Loss for January, probably due to the hard freeze

MAINTENANCE REPORT BY KRISTIN ROMERO:

- For the month of January:
- Flush out list 1&2 are completed
- Changed out 16 broken meters
- 2" leak Eugene Dupuis
- 4" tee on Branch Hwy
- 2" leak on Nicholas Ln (charged to contractor)

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- 2" leak on Choppy's Rd (charge to contractor)
- 3 new meters
- 11 24-hr notices, 31 disconnects and 6 meters still locked

BOOKKEEPING REPORT BY KYLA HILL:

- For the month of January
- **General Cash Account**
Beginning Balance \$270,548.50
Ending Balance \$278,242.91
Billing 1/31/2023 \$106,850.39
Meters Billed 3038

- **Short Lived Asset Replacement:**
Beginning Balance \$157,989.20
Ending Balance \$160,476.20

- **Billing Adjustments:** -102.39
Remove LC -102.39

- Kyla also reported on a survey done by Utility Information Pipeline about late fees. Our late fees of 10% and delinquent charge of \$50.00 is proportionate to other water districts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Neptune meters- Kristin spoke to Hunter, the salesman from Neptune about the high number of meters that we have had to replace. He got approval from Neptune to give us 140 meters for free to keep on hand as a concession. We will continue to send back non-working meters each month for warranty replacement.
- Conference room chairs- The conference room chairs will need replacing at some point, but the board decided to table the issue for the present.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, seconded by Eddie; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.