

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
March 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the District Board was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m. at the District office. Additions to the agenda were O & M bills for approval.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Steve Strohbeck, Steve Ruppert, Kerry Bertels, Robert Kercher, Brad Huette and Tricia Sisk were present. Eugene Feldmann was absent. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS:

Seth Elliott was present from Heneghan's & Assoc to discuss the current cost to connect to the Alluvial. The price has increased to approximately \$4M due to the raising cost of materials. Further discussion on possible emergency connection points and optional routes to take. Dorchester and Bunker Hill will be tapping on as well. Wilsonville may be joining now too. Grant money is available and if awarded we could receive \$1M. Rate increase will be tabled until after the grant process is completed.

Jenna from Rammelkamp and Bradney was present to discuss the tasks they will be handling in regard to the easements needing to be obtained.

The minutes of the February 15, 2023 copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS SECONDED BY ROBERT KERCHER THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The February Treasurer's report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for February \$183,072.36, bank interest \$3,371.58, expenses \$204,719.38 and depreciation \$40,769.52 resulting in a loss of \$59,044.96. Transfers among accounts for the months were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAD HUETTE AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS THAT THE FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion on moving CDs with low interest rates as now some banks are offering 4%. Also, moving MMF funds from BOH since we have a large balance and the remaining funds to a Public Funds Plus.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO MOVE \$1M FROM BOH TO OTHER MONEY MARKET FUNDS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT AND SECONDED BY TRICIA SISK TO REINVEST CDS UNDER 1% TO ANYTHING BETTER TAKING A PENALTY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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O & M bills for March previously sent to the Board, were presented along with additional bills for discussion and payment approval and questions were answered.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY TRICIA SISK THAT THE MARCH O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT: O & M worked a few leak checks, cleaned pump screens and flushed Woodburn. Vandevanter has ordered the parts for the pump. EPA inspection went well.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$86.00	26,100 gal	74.40 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$50.25	12,900 gal	70.49 gal/cn

MANAGER REPORT:

EPA says 95% of Material Inventory is good. We have figured out the remaining properties by what is around it. We now have 40 copper sample sites.

Rate increase may be \$5 average per user with minimum users being less and high users being more. Tabled a few months until the grant PER is submitted.

Illinois Alluvial Regional Water Company Meeting update – 8% of easements are signed. A newsletter will be sent to all property owners affected by the construction.

More roadwork is expected on Seiler Rd so lines will need to be moved eventually.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Kimberlee J Owens

Secretary