



HIAWATHA WATER BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm

HIAWATHA COUNCIL CHAMBERS (101 Emmons Street Upper Floor)

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Carl Ransford in the Council Chambers.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Member's present were Troy Andersen, Patrick White and Robert Rampulla. Absent was Ruth Hospodarsky. Also present was Council Liaison Steve Dodson, Water Superintendent Marty Recker and Water Clerk II Sara Ries. Guest present Dan Hoffman. Roll was called.

3. Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

Robert Rampulla moved the approval of the agenda. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes:

Troy Andersen moved the approval of the consent agenda: February regular meeting minutes, February financial report and bills. Patrick White seconded. Motion Carried.

a. Water Board Minutes

b. Water Department Financial Report

c. Water Department Bills

5. Business

a. Consider Resolution Authorizing the Repair of Well #7

Minutes:

Northway submitted a quote to replace the pumping equipment at Well#7. When Northway removed the stainless steel pump for inspection they recommended it be replaced due to the age and use of the pump.

Robert Rampulla made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2022 Authorizing the Repair of Well#7 Pumping Equipment. Troy Andersen seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Roll was called.

AYES: Patrick White, Troy Andersen, Carl Ransford, Robert Rampulla, ABSENT:

Ruth Hospodarsky **Resolution 5-2022 Approved**

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

b. Discussion of Water Rates

Minutes:

Marty began the discussion of water rates with his recommendation of a 7% commodity rate increase. This recommendation comes from the performa created by Piper Sandler and is the best increase based on future projects and cost of business increases. The Board discussed this rate and agreed this was the best choice. Marty did clarify this increase was on commodity only which is the water used after the first 1000 gallons. A resolution approving the commodity rate along with a public hearing will be brought to the April or May 2022 Board meeting.

6. Superintendents Report

Minutes:

Marty updated the board on the PFAS sampling. Hiawatha was selected to have samples taken at our Well#6. Hiawatha had no detection at this time.

7. Non-Agenda Item Discussion

Minutes:

Andersen has a request. After the Derecho in 2020 and the storms in December of 2021 he has requested to see how Marty would run the wells manually if we should ever have a disaster that would take out one or all of our wells.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Minutes:

Robert Rampulla moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. Troy Andersen seconded. Motion Carried.

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