

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2019**

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

Balsters & Hinrichs	\$ 225.00
Coyle Supply	\$ 185.80
Datatronics	\$ 9.95
Heneghan & Associates	\$5190.50
Julie, Inc	\$ 556.97
Office Depot	\$ 136.51
PDC Labs	\$ 75.00
United Systems	\$ 262.49
US Bank card	\$ 159.00

Roll was called with the following board members present: Steve Strohbeck, Frederick Aljets, Fred Bort, Robert Kercher, Kristine Jarden, Todd Clark and Becky Unnerstall. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS: none

The minutes of the December 19, 2018 regular meeting, copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KRISTINE JARDEN AND SECONDED BY FRED BORT THE DECEMBER MINUTES BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Treasurer's Report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for December \$196,126.09, bank interest \$3,205.30 expenses \$141,818.41 and depreciation \$37,687.02 resulting in a net profit of \$31,926.16. Transfers among accounts for the month were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY TODD CLARK THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

O & M bills, 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 FREDERICK ALJETS SECONDED BY REBECCA UNNERSTALL THAT THE O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT:

Manager reported the Miox is up and running. A new computer board was shipped today due to the monitor going out – it will be replaced at no cost. The lights are installed in the shed. The O&M men checked leaks, completed service leak repairs and replaced the air compressors at Wenzel and tank 2.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$ 39.75	10,600 gal	66.67 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$ 88.00	27,200 gal	77.27 gal/cn

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Lowe's in Granite City is closing and has racking for sale half off the new price. Manager bought a section for \$2,060.00. The O&M men will take it down and reassemble it in the shed.

IAW rates will remain the same due to reduced taxes and increase QIP resulting in no change in overall cost.

BHFPD's radio representative contacted the manager and stated the cables would be clamped to the ladder and no welding would be preformed if we allowed the repeater on the Woodburn tower. They are looking at completing the install in the spring.

SEILER RD PROJECT- Phase I pre-construction meeting is February 29. Stutz won the bid for \$2.3 M it's 1.2 miles. Phase II – County Engineer has asked we provide easements. Heneghan found the Right of Way was widened in 1975 so some easements may not be necessary. The attorney may need to do some more research on the issue.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY FRED BORT TO ALLOW THE MANAGER TO MEET WITH THE ATTORNEY ON THE ISSUE OF SEILER RD RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXBILLPAY- The web portal uses Nexbillpay for processing of cards, etc. Their costs are more than our providers we use currently but United Systems would have to write code in order to use them. Nexbillpay has reduced the fees to make this work for us.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA UNNERSTALL AND SECONDED BY ROBERT KERCHER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEXBILLPAY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

METER READING SOFTWARE – Upgraded software for the meter reading equipment will cost \$19,000. All companies are going to have to do it. We will continue to use the transmitters we have but replacements will be compatible for future updates. All meters will need to be replaced in the next 7-10 years. This could lead to non-drive by reading eventually for a fee of .84 per meter per month. The billing integration for new meter software will cost \$3,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TODD CLARK AND SECONDED BY FREDERICK ALJETS TO PURCHASE THE UPGRADED SOFTWARE NECESSARY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IRWA CONFERENCE – Manager would like to attend the IRWA Conference in Effingham on February 19-21.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRED BORT AND SECONDED BY KRISTINE JARDEN TO ALLOW THE MANAGER TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FEBRUARY MEETING – Due to the conference falling in the week of our regularly scheduled meeting it was suggested to move the meeting to the 13th.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRED BORT AND SECONDED BY TODD CLARK TO MOVE THE FEBRUARY MEETING TO THE 13TH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Secretary