

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING  
September 18, 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:

Ace Tech Compter Services	\$ 55.00
Bluff City Minerals	\$ 262.91
Concrete Solutions	\$1,000.00
Ditch Witch	\$ 43.70
Felling Trailers	\$ 567.04
Hach	\$ 294.96
Office Depot	\$ 190.23
US Bank Community Card	\$ 89.00

Roll was called with the following board members present: Steve Strohbeck, Steve Ruppert, Robert Kercher, Kristine Jarden, Jessica Thomas, Kerry Bertels and Eugene Feldmann. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS: none.

The minutes of the August 21, 2019 regular meeting, copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KRISTINE JARDEN AND SECONDED BY JESSICA THOMAS THE AUGUST 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 August \$224,087.78, bank interest \$5,080.06 expenses \$186,879.19 and depreciation \$38,729.90 resulting in a profit of \$3,558.75. Transfers among accounts for the month were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY KRISTINE JARDEN 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 ROBERT KERCHER SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS THAT THE O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT:

Manager reported the Bethany crossing is not done due to the boring rods getting stuck and needing a mud pump. IAW is done flushing but we are still working on it.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$ 92.00	30,700 gal	83.42 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$ 81.00	21,300 gal	65.74 gal/cn

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

The master meter at Wenzel had a large piece of plastic in the impeller – it is fixed now. IAW had a boil order in the area, we were able to shut down the master pump on Fosterburg Rd and push water from Wenzel. Seth reported the underwriter for the lender of Live Oak rejected the loan for the water treatment plant. They are looking for alternatives. FWD should be able to join with a purchase agreement in order for the plant to be designed large enough.

DVFD Hydrant- Dorsey Fire Department reports the training would only be 4-6 times a year. It is a smoke house with a fire pit which pumps the smoke into the training area to see how the smoke reacts to the water. The most it should cost is approximately \$90 per year in water. An Intergovernmental Agreement would be required. Trustee Bertels asked about the location of the hydrant as he has an easement to his field. He will talk to the fire department to get more details.

SEILER ROAD – A statement was sent to the county for Phase I. It is on the county agenda for approval. Seth from Heneghan’s was present to update the board on Phase II. The county is requiring proof of easements. There is about 50% of the line which is in dispute as to whose responsibility it is to move it. The plans at this point cost \$1.36M.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS SECONDED BY ROBERT KERCHER TO SEND THE PLANS TO THE COUNTY FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

NEW BUSINESS

MUD PUMP- The boring rods were stuck in the shale at the Bethany creek crossing so a mud pump was rented to extract them but the cutter was lost. Manager suggests buying a mud pump to finish the job and for future use. A new one can be here asap for \$18,700.00. The trailer being used to move the mower around could be modified to fit this pump on it.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT SECONDED BY JESSICA THOMAS TO PURCHASE THE MUD PUMP. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

DELINQUENT ORDINANCE – Due to increasing renters leaving bad debt the manager recommends having the attorney draft an ordinance to hold the landlord responsible for the renter’s bad debt and damage, to file a lien on the property if necessary and to shut off a meter if a property has a leak that is not getting fixed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB KERCHER SECONDED BY KRISTINE JARDEN TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE DRAFTED BY THE ATTORNEY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

NESS SCHOOL LINE EXTENSION- Mrs. McKinney at Ness School Rd is trying to sell her house and would like city water but has no immediate access. She is 3200 feet away from the main and could cost \$20,000 to run a line. The manager asked to send a survey to the residences near her to see if anyone else is interested in tapping on. A loop could be made with Windy Hill increasing the main by 7 miles.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KRISTINE JARDEN SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO SEND SURVEYS TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

UTILITY TRAILER – The manager asked for authorization to purchase utility trailer for the mower since we will be converting it for the mud pump. The new one would be smaller (22 feet) with a tilt for easier access. He has found one for \$6,000.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS SECONDED BY KRISTINE JARDEN TO PURCHASE THE UTILITY TRAILER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary