

## **Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority 3/19/2019**

Next Meeting: Thursday April 18, 2019

Location: \*\*\* **Valley Springs City Hall** \*\*\* The location is just west of Highway 65 in the heart of downtown Valley Springs.

Time 6:00 PM

Please notify the people in your area and encourage them to attend. I am attaching the un-approved meeting notes from the meeting on March 21, 2019.

It is said that times passes fast when you are having fun. This month has really passed fast and I do not recall having much fun. This monthly meeting has slipped up on me.

Plant is running well and the operators have been cleaning and catching up on neglected maintenance items. We have hired an operator with lots of experience but no current license. Don Brown comes to us for Diamond City Public Works and we are happy to have him on the team. We encourage you to come and visit the plant to see what it takes to get water to come out of your faucet when you turn the tap.

We have several very expensive tasks coming up. The storage tank inspections revealed a layer of sediment in our clear well. We have signed a contract with a company to pump it out. Our filter waste water lagoons are in need of cleaning and we have received approval for an ADEQ permit to dispose of the sludge on our property which will save a lot of money over hauling it to an approved waste disposal facility. The largest project is to resolve the problems with the slide along Highway 74. It keeps sliding and the danger area is getting very near to our Booster Station B that supplies water to Mt. Sherman. I have visited the area 4 times in the past 2 months and each visit reveals more problems. We have had USDA and ANRC on site to see how bad it is. I am working with Xylem pump folks to come up with a contingency plan for when the booster station slides down the side of the hill. Xylem folks were onsite today to put eyes on the situation.

As I said last month, I am getting lots of advice and suggestions from all corners of the nation for methods to keep fluoride out of OMRPWA's water foremost, and eventually remove the state mandate. Right now we are hoping our appeal will yield positive results. In 2006 when I was drafted to the OMRPWA Board and learned that fluoride in several area water systems was deemed by ADH to be bad and this project was needed to supply those systems water free of fluoride I couldn't believe it. I had always heard how great and wonderful fluoride was. That is when I first started to learn that fluoride was dangerous to humans, animals, and the environment. Then magically and for no visually apparent reason in 2011 ADH decided that fluoride had become a wonderful substance that could be ingested and magically pass through all organs in our body without causing any harm and make its way to teeth and prevent cavities. ADH decided that fluoridated water is so beneficial that every water system in the state with 5,000 customers should be mandated to add it. I know, I know that it

was the 2011 legislators who passed ACT 197, but ADH could have prevented it if they would have spoken in opposition. Question for anyone who can think for themselves: Why is lead in public water systems so bad and fluoride so good when it is an undisputed scientific fact that both are neurotoxins and fluoride is more toxic than lead. Recently I was asked by a reporter about my intentions and my response was that I plan to fight mandated fluoridation of community water systems until it is removed or I die. We have been lied to and deceived by our spineless legislators and health "experts". With all the studies that show fluoride's harm they all have to know the truth, unless they have been living under the proverbial rock. Question is, why will they not admit it and overturn the ill conceived legislation. To expose all Arkansas citizens to the harms with so little perceived benefit to a very few should be criminal.

This brings me to let you know that we are still far short of our goal to raise \$7,500 for the appeal to the State Supreme Court. I failed to get a tabulation from Debbie today but I believe 5 of the 18 systems have contributed \$500. Ozark Haven Realty has contributed an additional \$1,000 above what they contributed previously and our operators have contributed \$150. I have personally made up the shortfall to pay a couple of statements from the attorney. Please help us keep this rat poison out of our water. We will accept any amounts from you personally or your water system. If we are forced to put this hazardous waste by-product of the fertilizer industry in the water you will be paying forever more, not only financially but with your, your children's, and your grandchildren's health.

I need the name of an attorney who openly opposes community water fluoridation to help me with a new lawsuit in the event our appeal fails. Call or email me a name. The attorney doesn't need to be a fluoride expert, we have experts from out of state and just need a supportive attorney licensed in Arkansas.

I encourage you to attend the Board meetings. We have public comment open topic discussion time on the agenda of every meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak will be given a 3 minute time allotment. Bring ideas, ask questions, and be informed.

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