

MINUTES

OZARK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY

**March 21, 2019
Valley Springs City Hall**

Andy Anderson, Bill Braden, Gale Ruhwedel, Steve McCallister, and Don West were present. Skip Armes and Charmaine Seaton were absent.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m

Mr. Ruhwedel reported \$55.51 in the 2010 Water Revenue Bond Fund; \$126,606.21 in Arvest Construction ANRC; \$51,224.16 in Arvest Construction USDA(EFT); \$13,557.15 in Arvest O&M; \$185,634.64 in Arvest Regular Checking; \$529,945.93 in Debt Service Reserve; \$156,511.64 in Revenue Fund; and \$295,671.01 in Short Term Depreciation. The report will be filed for audit.

Mr. Anderson reported February income was \$173,377.12 and expenses were \$285,313.15, for a loss of \$111,936.03. However, major February expenses were the annual payment to USACE and project legal closeout totaling \$105,032.07 which was paid from reserve accounts. Our actual loss for February was \$6,595.95. March income was \$176,591.68 and estimated expenses of \$205,921.46, with \$34,936.03 of that expense paid from Short Term Depreciation fund for an estimated \$5,606.25 positive. We are no longer getting the Tax Cut and Jobs Act credit from Entergy.

Mr. Stude was absent due to problems at the Plant but he had sent a report indicating 47,888 gallons were put into the system. There was a problem with the scales, showing the wrong amount of chlorine that he and Mr. Ott are working on.

Mr. Mays reported that he is working on the plan to solve our zebra mussel problem. Funding will be provided through the USDA emergency fund. We hope to get approval to begin soon so that it can be done before the lake water warms and zebra mussels begin reproducing. The estimated cost of the project is \$892,000.00.

Concrete work on the lid at the Jasper PRV has been done. The work at the Parthenon PRV should begin in a couple weeks. A check valve or isolation valve to prevent loss of water at Mt. Sherman needs to be added. The isolation valve would work us, but a check valve would better serve Mt. Sherman. A master meter at SPG has been approved by the Health Department. Work will probably be done this spring or summer.

Mr. Mays met with Russell Larue concerning the sliding of our pipe where the Highway Department is working on highway 74. We need access to booster station B but the road is not passable due to the sliding. There is no obvious solution to the sliding problem. It will cost a lot of money and we are not getting help from any agencies. Mr. Mays will share his plan with Natural Resources when it is finished.

The Circuit Court ruled against us on our appeal of Act 197 on March 7. Our option is to appeal to the State Supreme Court. Mr. Braden suggested talking to our legislators to see if the rules can be changed. Mr. Ruhwedel moved, Mr. Braden seconded that we file an appeal. Motion carried. Mr. Anderson is talking to several organizations around the country working to get rid of fluoride in public water systems.

The S&J hearing has been moved to November 4 through 7. S&J is trying to bring ESI back into to suit. We are trying to get our \$257,000.00 ANRC loan changed to a grant to finance the S&J lawsuit. USDA will allow us to use Debt Service Reserve funds but they would have to be paid back in 60 months.

We are requesting an ADEQ permit to put the Lagoon sludge on our property.

Mr. Larue didn't notify Carroll Electric before working on the Jasper PRV and got too close to a power pole. Carroll Electric wants \$3,578.65 to relocate the pole.

Mr. Stude will be stepping down as manager at the Plant on April 1 but wants to work two more weeks. Darrell Ott will take Mr. Stude's position as Operator of record. We also want to hire another Grade 4 employee and a trainee.

Ron Dulle was added to the Board from Newton County.

Our next regular meeting is April 18, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Joyce Anderson, Secretary

Approved

