

Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority 5/14/2019

Next Meeting: Thursday May 16, 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 April 18, 2019.

Not much new to report this month. Everything at the plant is running well. We lost our newly hired operator after only one month. He was offered considerable more money plus lots of benefits including a retirement plan and 3 week paid vacation this year. Wish he had stayed because he was doing a great job and catching on to the operation. We have found a replacement in a young man who is eager to get started. We are still interviewing for the Grade 4 position. I hope to find the right person before the month is out.

The clear well and wet well have been cleaned. Still waiting for more quotes for the lagoon cleaning.

Again I am asking for your financial support of our appeal of the ADH ruling that we must add fluoride to our water supply. Every month we receive invoices from the attorney for work on the appeal and we do not have the funds to cover those. I have been personally covering the expenses above what is contributed. If our appeal fails and we are forced to add fluoride those additional costs will have to be paid by you, our 18 customers. Some customers have contributed the suggested \$500 but many have not. We would also be happy to receive personal donations because in the end our customers will have to increase your rates to cover the increase in the OMRPWA rates.

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.

Regards,

Andy Anderson – Chairman

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OZARK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY

April 18, 2019
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Andy Anderson, Bill Braden, Ron Dulle, Steve McCallister, and Gale Ruhwedel were present. Skip Armes, Charmaine Seaton, and Don West were absent.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Minutes of the March 21 meeting were approved.

Mr. Ruhwedel reported \$55.52 in the 2010 Water Revenue Bond Fund; \$126,719.11 in Arvest Construction ANRC; \$51,235.04 in Arvest Construction USDA(EFT); \$29,225.10 in Arvest O&M; \$203,637.37 in Arvest Regular Checking; \$537,455.32 in Debt Service Reserve; \$158,501.45 in Revenue Fund; and \$256,437.34 in Short Term Depreciation. The report will be filed for audit.

Mr. Anderson reported March income was \$176,591.68 and expenses were \$205,785.02 for a loss of \$29,193.34 but \$36,305.93 for Booster Station repairs was paid from Short Term Depreciation resulting in a positive of \$7,112.59 for March. April income was \$169,630.87 and expenses were \$185,376.16 for an estimated loss of \$15,745.29 however, \$14,755.54 was paid from a combination of short term depreciation and prepaid legal resulting in an estimated minus of \$989.75 for the month. He noted that there will be a \$17,000.00 chemical bill in May.

Darrell Ott gave the report indicating 51,899,000 gallons were put into the system. They are working to make the Plant run more efficiently.

Mr. Mays reported that Highway 74 slide has been looked at twice recently and he is looking at several options: stabilizing the ground and leaving the booster station where it is, or moving it to the other side of the highway. Geo-technical work is needed to see how deep the bedrock is. He has not talked to Mt. Sherman about how the slide is affecting their lines. Russell Larue has finished the PRV work at Jasper and Parthenon.

Mr. Mays is working on plans to deal with the zebra mussel problem. He should have draft plans by the next meeting.

The fund to appeal the Act 97 ruling needs more money. It is \$3,545.05 short of what is needed. We received two bills at one time from the attorney for work done in March and April. The Senate Public Health Committee is not interested

in helping us. We are talking to people about a petition to get the issue on the ballot and also talking about other methods to keep fluoride out of our water.

There is nothing new on the S&J case. A hearing is scheduled for November 4-7. S&J is trying to bring ESI back into the case. Sediment needs to be cleaned out of the Clear Well. It may need to be off-line during the cleaning, but if a diver can clean it and it can stay online. ADEQ has approved a land permit for putting the sludge on our property. Carroll Electric has sent us a \$3,500.00 bill for moving their pole. Mr. Larue got too close to the previous pole location at the Jasper PRV.

We have hired a trainee. He has no treatment or distributions licenses but has many years of experience with waste water. We are still getting applications from people interested in the Grade 4 position. We would like to have someone on-board by the middle of May.

The annual audit is ongoing. The auditor will be at the office next Monday and wants to see 65 invoices. Marshall will be adding forty new customers with their extension which is coming on line. It is time to start mowing our properties again.

Our next regular meeting is May 16, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m..

Joyce Anderson, Secretary

Approved