

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
HIDDEN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hidden Valley Water District was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. via Zoom conference. Directors present were Sue Harley, Harv Teitelbaum, Erik Foster and Chris Palmer. Also attending were Judy Simonson, Nicki Simonson and Rebecca Hill with Simonson & Associates, Inc., along with a few residents of the community.

1. Agenda & Administrative Matters

- a. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest.** There were no changes to the Board member disclosures.
- b. Open Forum for the Public.** There were no items brought to the Board by the public.
- c. Minutes.** The July 13, 2021 meeting minutes were approved upon motion by Erik Foster and second by Harv Teitelbaum.

2. Budget Matters. Judy Simonson gave a high-level review of the draft budget. It shows a proposed increase to the monthly base rate from \$75 to \$90 in lieu of increasing the mill levy. The Board asked that a letter be sent to all homeowners asking for their input on whether a base rate increase would be preferred over a mill levy adjustment. This mailing will be sent by the end of week to gather input prior to the next Board meeting. Evergreen Metro District's meter reading rate may increase, and the draft budget reflects that estimation. Final numbers will be included if available from EMD prior to the final budget being presented. Judy discussed with the

board the continued need to build reserves for unanticipated expenses with a goal to increase them by \$25,000 per year up to at least \$200,000.

3. Financial Matters.

Erik Foster moved to ratify the approval of the July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 check register. Harv Teitelbaum seconded the motion, and it was approved.

4. Legal Matters.

a. Fence Issue. Discussion on this issue was tabled.

5. Other Business.

a. Water Tank Cell Terminal Issues. The Board reviewed 4 different options from Triton Wireless to increase the strength of the signal at the water tanks.

Option 1: Move the existing antenna to outside the storage tank building.

Option 2: Install a stronger antenna inside the storage tank building.

Option 3: Install a stronger antenna outside the storage tank building.

Option 4: Replace the terminal with a newer model.

Harv Teitelbaum moved to approve Option 2 in addition to reaching out to the Verizon Wireless regional manager to adjust the cell tower equipment to increase transmission. The motion was approved upon second by Erik Foster. It was noted that the adjustment of the cell tower equipment by Verizon Wireless could be done at no charge to the District.

b. Damaged Bollard Update. The damaged bollard on Pine Crest Drive was repaired by CGRS on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

c. Review Evergreen Metro Letter. Nicki Simonson gave a brief overview of the letter received from Evergreen Metro District (EMD) regarding water usage. EMD's analysis of the data showed that the District used 3,717,900 gallons vs 3,557,776 allowed for the

first 12-month period. The first 3 months of usage reflected a leak in the District that was subsequently fixed resulting in the monthly consumption then aligning with EMD's allowance of 344,000 gallons per month thereafter. Data shows that with removal of the 3-month leak period, usage was within yearly consumption limits and the District is therefore not subject to any penalty charges from EMD.

d. Director Announcement. Erik Foster advised of his intent to retire from the Board. He did state, however, that he would be willing to remain on the Board until a satisfactory replacement could be found. The Board members then thanked Erik for his years of service.

There being no other business, Chairman Sue Harley, adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Palmer, Secretary