

DeBerry Water Supply Corporation Board Meeting

7.11.2024 @ 6PM at DeBerry Fire station

Attendees: Sara Edwards-Board Member, Donnie Golden-Represented Triple G Water Operation Company, Over 55 Members in attendance.

- **Board Member Resignations**

Sara discussed the resignation of four board members/bookkeeper and the special circumstances it created.

- **Legal Counsel Guidance**

Discussed Consultation with TRWA legal counsel and circuit rider Paul King on how to proceed with the meeting and board appointments.

- **Appointment of New Board Member**

Sara Edwards moved to appoint Mary Robinson as the second board member for DeBerry Water Supply Corporation.

- Sara moved and Mary seconded to appoint Matt Tillman as 3rd Board Member. Motion carried unanimously.

- Sara motioned and Mary seconded to appoint Steve Werner as 4th Board Member. Motion carried unanimously.

- Sara motioned and Matt seconded to appoint Tammy Walters as 5th Board Member. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Resignation of Board Members-Sara moved, and Mary seconded. Passed unanimously**

The meeting officially accepted the resignations of Alan Kelly, Tonya Vance, Rita Payne, Mike Kelly, and bookkeeper Tammy Light.

- **Election of Officers**

Board of Directors voted, all were in favor of Sara Edwards as President, Matt Tillman as Vice-President, Tammy Walters as Secretary-Treasurer. These officials will be responsible for signing all financials following the current bylaws.

- **Appointment of Emergency Bookkeeper-Sara moved and motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made to appoint Kathy Yates as the emergency interim bookkeeper with a monthly pay of \$1,075. This will include training of new bookkeeper in future.

- **Financial Records and QuickBooks Access**

Discussion on the incomplete financial records for June and the access to QuickBooks by board members. June financials not available due to incomplete information as well as lack of access due to no login until 7.11.24

- **Finance Committee**

Chaired by Tammy Walters. Members Jon Edwards, Donnie Tynan, Steve Mishler,

Kathy Yates. The Finance Committee will be responsible for reviewing resumes of new bookkeepers and making recommendation.

- **Motion made for offer of Land Acquisition for New Wells. Passed Unanimously** Board will determine price to offer for quarter acre and half acre on Old Town Road contingent upon availability to drill well and approval of TCEQ.
- **Motion passed to adopt official Election Ballots and Procedures to comply with Texas Water Code Chapter 67. Motion made by Sara.** Template provided by TRWA Legal Department.
- **Motion made by Sara and passed unanimously to enroll in Rural Water Impact website for \$954.13**

Discussion on the need for a new website to provide updates and alerts to the community. The Rural Water Impact website is recommended for its features. Price includes initial setup and annual fee. <https://deberry.myruralwater.com/>

- **Motion made and passed unanimously to price DWSC laptop and printer.**
 - Mary Robinson will oversee presenting quotes.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Barnett and Mr. Harris signed up to speak.

Mrs. Barnett questioned if prices would be increased. Board discussed other options to ensure fiscal responsibility such as creating a budget, adequate meter readings, increased controls on spending.

Mr. Harris questioned rules concerning membership. Sara Edwards will reach out to Paul King for additional clarification but referred to tariff for membership rules in place.

Panola Sheriff Department Spoke concerning investigation into misuse of funds by previous employees and asked the members as well to report any sighting of unauthorized water sales by system. The Board thanked Andy Nixon for sharing information with membership concerning investigation.

Next Meeting scheduled for July 18th due to circumstances.

Meeting Adjourned.





