

DeBerry Water Supply Corporation Board Meeting

11/7/2024 @6PM at DeBerry Baptist Church

Attendees:

- Sara Edwards – President
- Matt Tillman – Vice-President
- Tammy Walters – Secretary/Treasurer
- 9 Members

Public Comment

Member asked whose responsibility it is to keep the meter box clean. Member is responsible for outside. Operator will keep inside clean when reading meter. Member showed pictures of dirty meter. Lid doesn't fit. Will look to see if it is on the list for meter replacement or if we can replace the lid for him.

Consent Agenda

Minutes were distributed to attendees to review. Sara motioned to accept the minutes and Tammy seconded. All approved. Meeting minutes will be uploaded to the website.

Discussed the way that the operator is billing. There were some items rebilled that were paid last month and too many billed this month. Will meet with him tomorrow to discuss differences and make compromise.

Reviewed financials and discussed the \$1877 fine from TCEQ. Received another TCEQ violation for lack of correspondence in December 2023 for emergency preparedness plan. Have 60 days to complete a form and send it back or we get a \$5000 fine. Sara motioned to approve the financials, Matt seconded, all approved.

Financial Reports and Updates from Kathy Yates and Morgan Irvin

There were 2 cutoffs and both were turned back on.

Adura update – water use survey and water loss audit are in draft status.

Audit Update – will cost \$5-7k (not to exceed). Kathy talked to CPA (Daniel Raney out of Lufkin) to do 2024 (1 year only) to be done in February.

Budget Review

Reviewed the summary numbers. So far exceeding expectations but will change with the items coming in next month.

Water Operators Report

Already discussed violations. Operator was not present to discuss leaks.

TCEQ

Discussed that due to the TCEQ violation we will be mailing a letter by 11/14/24 to all members. Members whose lead status is still unknown will also receive a Lead Survey Line Inventory letter.

Infrastructure Report

Successfully completed the Lead Survey Line Inventory report and sent to TCEQ per Federal and State requirements. Notifications sent to customers will, hopefully, generate responses so that we can keep everything up to date.

We had 19 total meters replaced in the last week and a half. Expect to have a lot of replacements the weekend of November 15th.

2025 Election Documents Discuss/Approve Credentials

Committee

Steve was unable to help on the committee so Michelle Tynan is helping instead.

Betty provided sample documents for review. They will need to be approved next meeting.

Discuss/Action – Ability to utilize G&S Construction

We need to have a backup in case our operator cannot get to all of the repairs. G&S charges \$150/hr with a 4 hr minimum for repairs. Sara motioned to use them as a backup, Tammy seconded, all approved.

Discuss/Action – Unauthorized Use/Bulk Sales

Discussed what happened/resolution of the last theft we encountered. The company in question agreed to pay \$4000 to make us “whole” again. Discussed making this the fine so that we don’t have to come up with the number of gallons pulled and charge for that. Sara motioned to add this to tariff, Tammy scoded, all approved.

Discussed offering a \$250 reward to the first person to provide evidence of a theft. Sara motioned to do this, Tammy seconded, all approved.

Bulk water sales were not discussed.

Discuss/Action – Well Rehab Plan

We didn’t have accurate well logs. The screen was clogged with sand. The water level is very low. We are currently running at 25 GPM (was 20) but didn’t help our flow.

Need to get 3 days of clean sample and well will be put back into service.

Panola Ground Water to come out and measure wells 1 and 4 to verify the log info that we have.

Adjourn

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tammy seconded and all approved.

Next meeting will be December 5th at 6pm at the DeBerry Fire Station though Sara noted that an additional meeting will need to be scheduled to account for any questions the public may have on the USDA grant that is being applied for.

Mary H. Bolinson

Matt H. Sk

Sara Eden

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