

PINON HILLS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION INC.
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Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 5th, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Borawski opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

2. ROLL CALL:

JIM BORAWSKI (President): Present
ROB ST. PETER (Vice President): Present
BOB POMEROY (Treasurer): Present via telecom
J.C. COPELAND (Director): Present
JOE PIPER – (Operator in Charge) Absent
ADAM BATTALIA (Water Operator in Training) Present
KRISTAN LOWE (Secretary): Present

Members present: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - PROOF of NOTICE February 3rd 2022:

Jim Borawski asked if there were any additions or changes to today's Agenda - Proof of Notice. There were none.

J.C. Copeland made a motion to approve the February 3rd 2022, Agenda – Proof of Notice as presented. Rob St. Peter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. MINUTES CORRECTION AND APPROVAL: November 8th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Board members reviewed the November 8th, 2021 regular annual meeting minutes prior to today's meeting. Jim Borawski asked if there were any changes or additions needed. There were none.

J. C. Copeland made a motion to approve the November 8th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Rob St. Peter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Board members briefly discussed the ending account balance for 2021 and 2022 budget items. Jim Borawski reminded board members that the PHWUA bank account balance reflects the full and final payment that has been made to PHWUA member, Robert Sandoval. Jim will submit the necessary paperwork to Huerfano County to ensure the judgment is recorded properly. Bob Pomeroy reminded the board members that testing is due for water samples this year and to expect an increase in testing costs. **Jim Borawski made a motion to approve the January 2022 Financial Report as discussed. Rob St. Peter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- Jim Borawski mentioned the need for the association to have their own repair equipment available and that we can't always rely on borrowing equipment such as excavating tractors. Chester and Kristan of Indian Creek Rd. could possibly donate their backhoe to the association, but it is available for any member to use if needed upon request.
- Board members discussed the options regarding the well at the JW Cattle Ranch and J.C. Copeland suggested he and Rob St. Peter reach out to Mr. Trey Moore to continue discussions. J.C. advised he was

able to meet with O.G. Bluen of Ojo Springs Drilling to discuss logistics for the possible pump replacement and other issues related to the well.

Rob St. Peter made a motion to allow J.C. Copeland to reach out to Trey Crawford on behalf of PHWUA. J.C. Copeland seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Board members discussed the cost and sizes of a new water tank and possible timeline for installation. The board explored the idea of moving forward with either a 30,000 gallon tank or two 20,000 gallon tanks. PHWUA currently has a 16,000 gallon tank.
- Adam Battaia and Jim Borawski visited the Navajo Water District to view their water plant and site operations.
- J.C. Copeland mentioned that the Colorado Rural Water Association (CRWA) conference is coming up in March, 2022. He encouraged all board members to attend and briefly explained how the CRWA will benefit the association. Board members discussed costs and schedules. Adam Battaia has been training and preparing to become the water operator for the association and board members agreed that Adam should attend the conference to further his water operating knowledge. The board will cover the cost for Adam to attend.
- **J.C. Copeland made a motion for the PHWUA to cover the Colorado Rural Water Association conference event and travel fees. Rob St. Peter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- Jim Borawski reminded the board that elections are coming up. There will be two open seats and the association is seeking interested and qualified candidates. Jim will send out an email to all members to encourage participation. Jim reiterated that this is not a paid position but that our community relies deeply on board member volunteers.
- Adam Battaia has finished his education and is ready to test for his Water Operator's License. He will take his certification test on February 14th, 2022. Board members thanked Adam for all of his efforts and willingness to take on this new challenge.
- Board members briefly discussed delinquent accounts. Jim Borawski and J.C. Copeland will research the steps to implement liens for non-payment residents.
- The PHWUA General Membership meeting will be held at 10:00am on May 7th, 2022 at the La Veta Community Center located at 131 E. Ryus Ave La Veta, CO 81055. The owner of the building requires a refundable cleaning deposit and will also require the association members 'Covid Clean' after the meeting is finished. Kristan Lowe will bring cleaning supplies.
- J.C. Copeland recited a hold harmless agreement that has been signed by Mr. Robert Sandoval and reiterated that all final payments and resolutions have been met regarding this matter. The association is not responsible should this resident's issue occur again.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

J.C. Copeland made a motion for an adjournment of today's meeting. Rob St. Peter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.