

Board Minutes

Sambrito Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
Meeting of 3/3/2024 11:30 AM, Allison Grange

1. The meeting was called to order by John Dustin, President, followed by roll call and certification of Board Quorum.
2. Board members present: Tom Monaghan, John Dustin, Christina Rios, Deb Holder, Chris Huber
Guest(s) present: Dennis Walker
3. Tom Monaghan made a motion to approve the Agenda (posted on website and bulletin board), which was seconded by Chris Huber and unanimously approved.
4. It was noted by John Dustin that since there were insufficient Members present for a quorum at the 11-05-2023 Annual Board and Member Meeting, it would be a Board Meeting not a Member Meeting. Tom Monaghan made a motion to approve the Minutes of the last Board meeting as amended, which was seconded by Christina Rios and unanimously approved.
5. President's Report
 - A. John Dustin reported that there was a very brief presentation by Russell Fisk at the PRC Open Meeting on February 22, 2024 (Utility Matters #4) which resulted in the PRC ordering mediation. John Dustin noted that there were no time limits or parameters put in place by the PRC. He has sent a letter on this matter to John Bogatko with questions regarding this. Also noted by John Dustin was that Russell Fisk told the PRC that it appeared that RJV had made some progress but did not give the Commission any evidence to back that up.
 - B. John Dustin reported on what actions had been taken due to customer delinquencies which include signed agreements, arrangements, and shut offs. There was also discussion on the possibility of billing RJV for losses due to their not replacing broken, inaccurate meters when they were reported resulting in the need to average customers usage to be fair and resulting in loss of revenue on Sambrito's books.

6. The Treasurer's Report was given by Debbra Holder:

BALANCE AT LAST MEETING 11-05-23	\$ 10,829.71
A. Income since last meeting	\$ 15,975.57
Expenses since last meeting	\$(10,353.66)
CD's	\$(14,000.00)
Net Income	\$ 2,451.62
B. Current Cash Position 2-29-2024	
New Balance:	\$ 2,451.62
CDs + Int. \$14,000.00 + \$93.29	\$ 14,093.29
Total	\$ 16,544.91

- C. Debbra Holder gave a Delinquencies Summary Report to update the Board.

Chris Huber made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Tom Monaghan and unanimously approved.

7. Germaine Chappelle, Counsel for SMDWCA, was contacted by phone to give her Report.
 - A. History and update of 2023-24 mediation efforts with RJV.

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At the 11-05-2023 meeting it was decided by the Board that Ms. Chappelle would pursue mediation with RJV. She informed us today, 3-3-24, that she had decided she would wait until their litigation with Judy Phelps was finished before doing anything. Also, she recognized that with a new session of the legislature beginning in January, it would be very busy. She informed the Board that she is now going to begin preparing the mediation process paperwork and that she would email Board Members prior to submitting it to the PRC.

B. Review of recent NMPRC activity and recommendations.

Ms. Chappelle shared her positive feelings after having conversations with people connected to the PRC. It is her belief that this new commission is sharp and won't be easily snowed because they will be able to discern the truth from fiction.

C. Update on effort to secure a legislative grant.

D. There was no closed session deemed necessary at this time.

8. Debbra Holder made a motion to approve the 2024 Open Meeting Resolution, which was seconded by Chris Huber and approved unanimously. The State provides that every year this is to be submitted.
9. John Dustin reviewed minor corrections and changes needed in the wording of the Rules & Regulations to clarify procedures for residents that are seasonally away. Debbra Holder made a motion to approve the Rules & Regulations with the minor corrections and changes, Chris Huber seconded, and unanimously approved.
10. John Dustin presented and reviewed the draft Budget after which Debbra Holder made a motion to approve the draft Budget, seconded by Chris Huber, and unanimously approved.
11. New Business suggestions: for Member dissemination and future Board consideration:
There was discussion on the NMFA Grant to pay for the PER (Preliminary Engineers Report). John Dustin has done all the considerable amount of work and due diligence necessary to procure this Grant on behalf of SMDWCA. There will be a meeting scheduled for the final signatures.
12. Oral communications from Members and the Public (3-minute time limitations/person):
There was some discussion from Members clarifying what is needed for a flow of good communication between departments.
13. There will be a Board Meeting on 03-17-24 to be held at 20 Road 4025 at 11:30.
14. At 1:14 p.m. Christina Rios made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris Huber, and unanimously approved.