

COLONIAL OAK WATER CO. BOARD MEETING ZOOM
REMOTE MEETING SEPT. 18, 2024

There was no business discussed in a Closed Session meeting. The company meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were the board members: Jim Vocelka, Jeff Vest, Mary Barrett, Rita Reynolds, and Craig Sherod. There were three members joining, John Strong, Martha Strong, and Allan Caughey. The minutes from the June 26, 2024, meeting had already been read and approved by the Board, so we bypassed reading them. Jim moved approval on them, and Rita seconded.

Financials

The balance in our account is \$37,903.81. There is \$17,006.79 in the contingency fund, and income for the quarter \$14,237.50. We had expenses of \$29,878.21 year to date. 3 shareholders have not paid for this quarter, which totals \$675.00.

New Business

Our nitrate level has moderately improved with the blended water going to the tanks in addition to shutting down 2 wells. Nothing has happened with getting neighboring wells to join us. The County is touring our water company system with Dougherty's today, Sept. 19th as a regular inspection. Craig is joining them and will speak with the County person, Cheryl Sandoval, about our system's options. She's advised us to get with a 'counselor' for assistance. It seems that doing a filtering system on our Company's structure would be very expensive. The RCAC organization (Rural Assistance Community Organization) might possibly be able to help with advice. The group from Provost and Pritchard Consulting that Jim met with had 3 suggestions. First, possibly blending with the adjoining water company, but their water is not even as good as ours. Second, install a filtering system at the wells, which could cost about \$90 @ month. Third, installing RO filters at each home and raise the rates \$30 @ month to cover cost of filters, installation, etc. We are getting as much advice as we can and will come to the members before a final decision is made.

The June minutes discussed "Craig is also involved in a State mandated "Lead Service Line Inventory". He must relay the types of piping we have in the connecting "valves" within the company. We need to pool the members to see if: first, the connection is just PVC pipes connecting OR if they have a separate "valve" where the home pipes connect to the company pipes. And second, if so, where is it located." Rita compiled the questionnaire to be included in the 'quarterly' water bills, also attaching a copy to the June minutes. We asked the members to answer as best as they could and return the notice to any of the board members. We received very few questionnaires back, so we are sending it again. IF you have NOT previously filled in the questionnaire please do so and return it to ANY Board member. The Rules & Regs, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation have been edited. Rita will contact the member that had major suggestions to see what can be finalized.

The next Board meeting will be Dec. 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm. It will be a zoom meeting. We would like to have an in-person meeting soon, so the idea is to have the March Board meeting at Jeff Vest's home for those that would like to attend. We could also include the Zoom feature so that others could join.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Mary moved, and Rita seconded it.

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