

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 27, 2024

Location: Whispering Pines Fire Station and Virtual (Zoom)

DRAFT (until approved at next Board Meeting)

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by Chairman Will Regg
2. Roll was called – Chairman Will Regg - (WR), Vice Chairman JT Driscoll (JTD), Secretary John Tanner (JT), Treasurer Ray Tanner (RT), and Parliamentarian Jeff Manly (JM) were present and a quorum was established.
Dan Utz (DU), District Water Operator, was in attendance
Public attendance included Rich Grady, John Osborn, Sharron Osborn, Russel Ramirez, Alisa Ramirez, Christine Webber, Harry Jones, Nancy Jones, Buddy Rice, Joe Lutrario, Paul Ringwold, and Tiffany Pankow.
3. Approval of minutes for board meetings on July 7. With no comments from the Board, JT motioned to accept the minutes from July as presented. JTD seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Reports:
 - Treasurer: RT reported that the district is \$4,979 over budget. Total income was \$89,179. Total administrative costs were \$32,412. The administrative cost is \$3,519 under budget. Water operation expenses are \$54,888, which is \$3,469 under budget. Ordinary income is \$13,963 over budget even though we had budgeted for a \$12,000 loss. By the time we accounted for interest, expense, and income we had a \$2,376 profit. Current cash position is \$114,214 which is \$30,160 improvement over last year. The main reason is that last year we invested money into tanks that has been reimbursed. We are in a strong cash position even though about \$40,000 is debt.
 - Operator's Report:

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District
Operator Report, Dan Utz
Rim Trail DWID Board Meeting, July 27, 2024

WATER DISTRICT ACTIVITY

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1. Production

Jun 29 - Jul 25,	239,865 gallons produced.
June 1 -29,	295,484 gallons produced.
May 1-31,	257,557 gallons produced.
April 1-30	243,593 gallons produced.
March 1-30	177,138 gallons produced.

Reservoirs reached 100% capacity on July 16. I then rested Well 3, which was producing an average of 4500 GPD, for 8 days. Static water level rose from 50'6" to 43'

2. A new chemical feed pump(chlorine) has been installed at Well 2.

3. A new meter, check valve and shut off valve has been installed at 157 Belluzzi and a check valve was installed at 153 Belluzzi by Doug Hall plumbing.

4. LEAKS

I will schedule repairs of slow leaks on the corner of Bruce Johnson's property and in Mel Bramley's driveway.

Projects for RTDWID

1. Treatment Plant Mike Ploughe has submitted a consulting proposal for the startup of the treatment plant.
 2. Well 4 Brandon of Central AZ pump is scheduling inspection of Well 4 for next week.
 3. We have two quotes for replacing the 3" main under Belluzzi.
 4. Electronic meters Three 1" Master Meters have been received for installation on the wells. Three homes, McCarver, Parrish and Ramariz need electronic meters installed.
5. Check valves. I will compile a list of customers who do not have check valves or customer shut off valves.

Future Projects for RTDWID

1. I met with Bryan Staley and we have a quote for automation of wells, allowing for automatic shut off well reservoirs are full.

5. Agenda Items

- **Update on Current Water Restriction.** WR restated that the restriction is to limit any meter from using more than 4,000 gallons per month and that no outdoor water use was permitted. WR stated that the restriction was necessary and the last thing the Board wants to do. The restriction is working. Our reservoirs are full and we have been able to rest our wells. WR also stated that well #4 was scheduled for inspection and repair next week. RT stated that our water system was never meant for landscaping. If residents could conservation in mind, we would not need restrictions. JTD stated that we were using 70%+ more water than we were 10 years ago. Rich Grady asked how many new homes were built in 10 years. JTD said that he thought it was only 1 or 2. Rich Grady stated that he did not believe that was true. WR pointed out that our storage capacity is limited to 85,000 gallons which puts the district in a precarious situation. Our infrastructure is old and often leaks making it even harder to meet the increasing needs of the residents. JTD asked DU for an estimate of how long well #4 might be out of commission. DU responded that he could not know until the well was inspected but that he would guess 2-3

days. DU stated that he is not concerned and that the other wells will be sufficient. Alisa Ramirez asked if there was an alert for leaks in the system. WR responded that we have new remote-read meters which improved our ability to ID leaks. WR stated that, if there was no more discussion, the restriction would remain in place with the plan to lift it once well #4 has been inspected. Sharon Osborn inquired about which members of the Board lived in Rim Trail full-time. WR responded that he was the only one and that JTD lived there about half of the time. Sharon Osborn asked how many meters were for short-term rentals. WR replied that we are not an HOA and do not track that information. Harry Jones asked if residents could use the 4,000 gallons anywhere he chooses. WR responded that water cannot be used for outdoor purposes. Russel Ramirez asked if the public could track their water use without getting on their knees to check the meter. WR responded that checking the meter or your water bill were the only 2 ways. Master Meter has many more functions but each costs more money that is not in our budget. The district will research this add-on.

At this point in the meeting, Christine Webber alerted the Board that there was someone named Alek K. doing very inappropriate things on camera. The Board and people attending the meeting in person could not see the Zoom screen. WR immediately removed this person, but another joined and was behaving even more inappropriately. The meeting was stopped and the Zoom meeting terminated while the authorities were notified. While waiting for the authorities to arrive, the meeting was resumed.

(RT) suggested that the Board should consider lifting the penalty of shutting off water for non compliance to the restriction. Buddy Rice stated that residents should be able to use the water as they wish as long as they limited use to 4,000 ga/mo. JT motioned to change the restriction of outdoor water use but maintain the limit of 4,000 ga/mo. RT seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Update on well #4 inspection/repairs.** DU reported that the well would be inspected next week. RT suggested that the work be done early in the week when usage is lower.
- **Proposal for the water treatment facility.** WR stated that Mike Ploughe has offered to provide the District with a comprehensive report including instructions about how to restart water production for \$950. The report will include detailed instructions about operations.

At this point in the meeting, the Zoom connection was interrupted by a loss of internet. JTD called JM and continued the meeting with JM attending by phone.

WR motioned for the Board to approve DU to pay for the report. JTD seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. RT stated that we had already invested about \$250,000 and the facility is still not operational. RT also mentioned that the District had paid for a report by an engineering firm that had suggested flocculation with Katadyn filters. JTD noted a report by NCS that

suggested the District relocate the intake of the facility upriver from the Cragin line. WR is reluctant to spend more money if we don't know that the plan will work. WR noted that the report JTD mentioned is dated and that Mike Ploughe's plan seems like a small cost. JTD inquired about the approval needed from the Forest Service and SRP to move the intake. RT said that the Forest Service would have approved it in the past but that SRP would not cooperate unless the District purchased water from them. Harry Jones spoke up to say that SRP would not approve the plan if we tried. JT motioned to pay Mike Ploughe for the report. WR seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, the Whispering Pines Fire Chief and an officer from the sheriff's department arrived.

RT motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by JTD. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned without addressing the rest of the agenda.