

Ponderosa Community Services District

RESPONSIBLY PROVIDING PURE MOUNTAIN WATER AND EFFECTIVE SNOW REMOVAL

Minutes of meeting

February 11, 2021

Present:

Directors: B. Benton, R. Cope, S. James, L. Gray, T. Stewart (via zoom)

Staff: J. Robertson, T. Harness, T. Griesbach, J. Landers (via zoom)

Guest: J. Parminter, M. Cope, D. White, M. Goldsmith, P. Rueger

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Ms. Benton, followed by the flag salute.

President comments

Thank you to the public for coming to the meeting. We apologize that the closed session went longer than anticipated. There was no action taken during the closed session.

Comments from the Public

There were no public comments

Minutes from January 14, 2021 regular meeting.

Having been reviewed, it was noted that Mr. Griesbach was listed as both present and absent. He was not absent. It was moved by B. Benton to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Communications

Received a letter from Matt Goldsmith stating his concerns about the contracted snow removal service. It is important for our district to have serious community input and discussion. The board thanks Mr. Goldsmith for his efforts to participate in a meaningful way. The General Manager will contact the snow removal contractor and discuss the concern raised.

Received an email from Dave LaPerre requesting to open a dialog with the PCSD about housing the fire truck and equipment. It was moved by S. James for the board to authorize the general manager to negotiate terms for a possible lease agreement between the PCSD and the Ponderosa fire brigade. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Notice from County Board of Supervisors clerk – annual Form 700 due by April 1

Notice from State water board – new EAR (electronic annual report) website, forms, directions, and new timeline open on Mar 1 due by May 15.

Water System Report

Water Manager – K. Klemcke

Mr. Klemcke reported all is going well. Lead/copper tests due next month.

Routine monthly sample was good.

Question: has there been any water treatment recently, there was a concern about a strange aftertaste.

Answer: No – there has not been any recent treatment, nor has there been a reason/need for treatment.

Question: water is often cloudy...what is the reason?

Answer: Cloudy water is usually caused by air in the line. If the cloudiness dissipates quickly and leaves no residue, there is not a reason for concern.

Water Technician – T. Harness

Water Coordinator – R. Cope

Mr. Cope is working on an update regarding water usage. We seem to be losing about 4,000 gal/8 hour period. There is a plan to break the water system down to 6 zones, isolate each section and begin leak detection process.

Mr. Cope contacted Palmer tank in Bakersfield. They have a 20,000 gallon, used, bolted tank. There is concern how to move it up the mountain. It will require 2 pilot cars and a trailer. He also has requests for cost in to Tiger tank and Thompson tank – no response yet. Holby 2 is pumping 9-14 gallons/minute, Holby 1 is basically dry, Fawn and Lake Wells are ok.

Staff Reports:

Secretary

Update website

Sending and responding to email from directors

Speak with GM, Email and speak with attorney, Email and speak with treasurer.

General Manager

Mr. Griesbach has been on many phone calls trying to get funds from the Forest Service. Working with 2 more people. He is waiting for a copy of a land use agreement that the FS wanted our water during the fire.

Mr. Griesbach is also working on a business plan for the possibility of the district resuming snow removal operations in-house.

Financial Coordinator

Please note water has used 26% of the budget to-date.

2 snow removal invoices were received. January \$13,933, February \$3,141.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer requested a resolution to move funds with-in budget from one line item to another in anticipation of non budgeted expenses. After a brief discussion, the board decided to wait until invoices were received before authorizing reapportioning of funds.

Ms. Lander reported that all paperwork has been provided to the auditor. She wants to meet with Mr. Gray and Ms. Landers to clarify accountings.

It was moved by B. Benton to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded and carried with none opposed.

Snow Coordinator/Monitor:

Snow fall amounts to-date.

Jan 22 3 inches	Jan 23 4 inches	Jan 25 17 inches
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Jan 26 4.5 inches	Jan 27 7.5 inches	Jan 29 18 inches
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More snow due tonight

Ms. Benton has monitored the clearing of fire hydrants – it seems to be good. She asked if anyone had any issues or noticed anything they'd like to report. No comments.

PPOA Liaison – no in-person meetings. There was a zoom meeting on Valentine's Day.

There are new PPOA board members. Yves DeClerk is the new president, Rich Thomas is vice pres, and Shawn Alexander is a member-at-large.

Forest Service – Mr. James reported that the trail of 100 giants fuel reduction burning has begun. Law enforcement has been up, ticketing people for recreating in the national forest/monument which is still closed. There was discussion about the status of felling hazard trees. It was noted that some companies chip down trees/debris, while others leave piles. Several residents feel these piles are additional fire hazards and would prefer chipping. Mr. James will email forest service to request chipping be done around the Ponderosa community rather than debris piles.

Director's Comments:

LG – question – who has responsibility to remove snow from the Ponderosa Lodge to the gate across Divide Hwy?

It was brought up there is a parking ordinance that requires all vehicles to park off the roadway during snow conditions. Violators are subject to being towed, at their expense. There is a local resident that currently pays for private snow removal for a cut out on the side of the street as well as the private driveway. The vehicle still has tires on the roadway when parked in the cut out. The secretary will draft a letter requesting that the vehicle be parked in the driveway and not partially on the roadway.

Unfinished Business

The General Manager responded to a previous property owner complaint about snow removal and it went very well.

Policy Review - subject to review by request from a board member or at the discretion of the board secretary.

- Board discussion and determination on proposal to change the Policy terms President/Vice Presidents to Chairman/Vice Chairman – requested by Mr. James
- Board discussion and determination concerning setting meeting dates and time, per Policy 101.1 – requested by Mr. James
- Discussion of Board Member request to consider revising Policy to remove board member coordinator positions, and proposal that Directors no longer act as Coordinators/Supervisors of District staff. – requested by Mr. James
- Possible addition to Policy regarding directors contacting district legal counsel – requested by Ms. Benton

Mr. James indicated that, in light of the conversation with our attorney, we should move these items forward to another agenda. S. James so moved. There was a brief discussion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. These items will be carried forward to a future agenda.

New Business

None

Future meetings will be held indoors due to weather. Masks will be required for entry to the meetings and social distancing will be practiced to the extent possible.

The next regular meeting will be on March 11, 2021 at 12:30 pm in the district building.

Hearing none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm
Minutes prepared by Jennifer Robertson/Board Secretary