

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
June 4, 2020
*UNAPPROVED***

Bob Long read a statement that the Committee was authorized to meet electronically due to the declared state of emergency (COVID-19), that the meeting had been properly noticed and information given to the public on how to join the meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing, and that all votes would be by roll call, in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's emergency order.

Committee Roll Call: Bob Long, Ed Rajsteter, Patricia Brady, Mark Johanson, Ken King, Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) and Kristi Garofalo (District Administrator) were present via Zoom and all noted no one was in the room with them.

Call to Order: Don Drew opened the meeting at 8:09 am.

Minutes Approval:

May 14, 2020 – Ed Rajsteter moved to approve; Patricia Brady seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter – Aye; Ken King – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; Patricia Brady – Aye; Bob Long – Aye; Don Drew – Aye; motion passed.

Water System Update: Don Drew reported usage was over 37,000 gallons per day over Memorial Day weekend; yesterday's usage was in the mid-20,000s so usage is back on course.

Incident Report: Don Drew said internet connection at the pump house has been spotty and required resetting after a recent storm. He talked to the Consolidated representative who said they need to be present when the connection isn't working to diagnose the problem. Don Drew also reported a hole was discovered recently in the riser on the left side of the upper chamber. A temporary repair was made and **he will have price quotes for a permanent repair to review at the next committee meeting.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Source Project:

- **Gravel Pit Site:** Don Drew said the information is on file for this site, the potential yield doesn't seem to make financial sense. After discussion, the Committee agreed to put this site on hold for information from the engineers and drilling contractors.
- **Alternative Sites:** Don Drew said Capital Well Drilling is coming June 10 to do some test drilling and invited Committee members to meet at the Office at 10:30 am if they would like to observe. He said some results of preliminary testing in the area were favorable, but trace amounts of arsenic did show in the testing. The state could cautiously approve use of the well if the arsenic is natural – **Don Drew said he will re-test and have results by the next meeting, and will investigate treatment options and costs once the second tests are done.**

Bear Road Water Main Project: Don Drew said Paige Excavation may do excavation work in the neighborhood and he would like to schedule the Bear Road project for when Paige is in the area. He said he also found a new supplier in Littleton for product and will set up an account with them. He said he will contact the one homeowner affected by the project and they will run a temporary line for that home.

Chambers Area Meters: On Hold

NEW BUSINESS:

Project Priorities: Don Drew previously asked each member to bring to this meeting four projects they feel are most important. The responses were as follows:

***Ed Rajsteter:** additional water source, replacement of existing lines, search for grants*

***Patricia Brady:** set project criteria, educate public, protect lake beauty and prevent weed growth*

***Mark Johanson:** Bear Road project, additional water source, chamber meters, house meters*

***Don Drew:** additional water source, Bear Road project, house meters, replace old water mains*

***Bob Long:** Bear Road project, additional water source, chambers meters, house meters*

***Ken King:** Bear Road project, additional water source, new source connection*

***Kristi Garofalo:** Bear Road project; additional water source, capital improvement plan*

The Committee agreed they were all pretty much on the same page and that all items mentioned were worthy of future Committee consideration and work. **Bob Long said he will talk to Senator Guida about grant funding assistance for future projects.**

VLAP: Mark Johanson reported VLAP will not take place this year. Don Drew said he will run tests for E Coli in the beach areas monthly through the summer season.

Card Acceptance Program Status: Kristi Garofalo said the program to accept online card and check payments for water bills was tested and worked well, but there were a couple of small issues after the customer makes the payment that need a few days to work out. Once those are fixed, the announcement of the online payment service can be made.

Upper Lake Riser Replacement: Don Drew said replacement of the Upper Lake riser is planned for when the contractor is in the area for other projects to save on equipment transport charges.

Adjournment: Patricia Brady moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter – Aye; Ken King – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; Patricia Brady – Aye; Bob Long – Aye; Don Drew – Aye; motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo