

Board of Directors Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday May 9th, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Conference Call: 605.472.5550 Access Code: 296143

BJ Hockenberry, President **CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER** at 6:08 pm.

ATTENDEES: - BJ Hockenberry, Doug Harris, Matthew Younger, Paul St Ruth, Steve Lacroix, Chris Cox, Viki Harris, and Janey Freid

OATH OF OFFICE: BJ Hockenberry, Doug Harris, Matthew Younger and Paul St Ruth each took the Oath of Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Matthew Younger made a **motion** to **APPROVE** the April 11th, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Paul St Ruth. No further discussion approved by majority.

TREASURER'S REPORT -

1. Bank accounts:
 - Colorado Trust Account - \$70.62
 - Money Market Account - \$208,922.81
 - Operating Account - \$198,053.85
 - Raymond James - \$1,044,920.72

2. Review of Checks / income for the month:
 - Deposits - \$6,669.01
 - Expenses -\$26,223.94

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Paonia is now able to respond to incidents and Carbondale will provide emergency backup. A temporary bridge should be installed in two to three weeks enabling the highway to reopen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dry Hydrant Update** – BJ will talk to Yancy and there is a possible new bidder for the project.
- Wildland Urban Interface Code Board** – The bill passed and has been sent to the governor for signature.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposition HH (SB23-303)** – Has passed as amended. Will affect income (property tax) if approved by voters on November ballot. It will affect district income in a negative manner.
- Raymond James** – Doug Harris made a **motion** to roll the three-month CD's into 1 year CD's when they mature on 06/12/23. Second by Matthew Younger. No further discussion approved by majority. Chris advised the board that Raymond James will have a new investment. It will be an enhanced savings account that should pay 5% interest. Funds would be available like a money market account. It will be fully FDIC insured. This is a pilot program. He will do some more research and will attend the meeting in June to advise the board fully on the new program. Our Money Market account is probably going to show a drop in interest once the 90 days expire in June?
- Regional SDA Conference** – The board approved Viki to attend the regional SDA Conference in Montrose on 06/13/23.
- Yard Work** – Thomas will maintain the yard. He is approved for 10 hours per month at \$25.00 per hour.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS: Janey Freid addressed the board regarding Gunnison County's Wildland Urban Interface Code. She stated that she is considering a dry hydrant installation on Dumond's property, but it may be out of parameter distance according to the code. She was advised to consult with an engineer by Gunnison County Code Department. She is upset with the expense that it is going to take to comply with the new code instituted by the county and wants to know who is going to be responsible for enforcement. BJ advised Janey that Blake Kinser would be the responsible Fire Chief to make determinations and offered any assistance to her that the board could provide. She questioned the locations of the dry hydrants that the board is attempting to install. BJ explained that the hydrants would provide winter water access to provide coverage of the district by enabling the trucks to be filled with less travel distance and turnaround time. Bottom line is this is a county issue as the county passed the code and is responsible for enforcement. Janey will need to hold all future discussions with the entire board.

The Ranchers with water trucks have been asked to maintain them full of water to enable the fire department to have access to water in case of a fire due to the highway collapse.

Motion was made to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:16 pm by Doug Harris. Second by Matthew Younger. No further discussion approved by majority. Next Regular Meeting May 9th, 2023, at 6:00 pm, by Conference Call: 605.472.5550 Access Code: 296143

Respectfully submitted by Viki Harris, Office Manager.

Approved x **MOTION** made by Doug Harris to approve May 9th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Matthew Younger. No further discussion and passed by majority.