

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

January 2021 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session January 19, 2021. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Connie Kendall

The financial report – Diane Evans made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. Diane Evans made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

A motion was made by Diane Evans to appoint Doug Shawver as president of BPA with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed.

Old Business –

Tyler Howell reported that Rocky Lowe came to the plant for a tour and he was comfortable with everything so the board will move forward with a contract. The Board was discussing if they should pay the backup operator a retainer or pay him when he is present. The Board of Public Affairs is going to propose \$1,000 per quarter for services with 5 days present as backup operator at the plant.

Tyler Howell reported that he was on the phone with Wigen over the weekend because the plant would not backwash. Typically the plant has to be manually backwashed and it has never automatically backwashed so during the troubleshooting with Wigen the plant will now automatically backwashed with some adjustments of some numbers.

Tyler Howell reported that Jamison is planned to come into town on Wednesday January 27th to clean the north well and then the following Monday hydrants will be flushed. Once everything is completed with the cleaning then the membranes in RO2 will be replaced. The Board would like Tyler Howell to get a quote from National Water Service and Jamison for the cleaning of the south well to compare pricing. National Water Service wants a test to figure out which chemical would be better to clean the wells with at a cost of \$200 from USA Bluebook to see what bacteria is in the well.

Diane Evans stated that she was talking with Richard Holcomb about the fire hydrant in front of the Methodist Church and he is going to talk with the fire department about them possibly installing the hydrant we already have.

Tyler Howell reported that he talked with GPD about needing the inspector on site because Caldwell Tank was present and performing work.

New Business –

Family Dollar contacted Tyler Howell about a 1-inch water line tap fee for the new construction and currently the Rule and Regulations only outlines a cost for ¾ line at \$1,750. The board needs to set a price for a 1-inch line tap fee. Doug Shawver made a motion to amend **Rule #21 on the Rules & Regulations** to now state a 1-inch water line tap fee will be \$3,000 with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed.

The Board discussed providing residents with a monthly newsletter to keep them informed and Diane Evans read a proposed letter she drafted.

Diane Evans made a motion to continue with the spending limits that have been set in the previous year to continue to watch spending with a second by Doug Shawer, motion passed.

Upcoming projects / wish list for 2021:

1. Media filters need to be inspected
2. Replace membranes in both ROs
3. Clean both wells
4. Contract for a backup operator
5. Bring Wogens in for a complete plant inspection
6. Muriatic acid addition to both wells
7. Final mapping of water & sewer lines
8. Lagoons inspected / slug blasted
9. Mower for lagoon area

A motion was made by Diane Evans to adjourn the meeting with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be February 15, 2021 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk