

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

April 2022 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session April 18, 2022. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell.

Visitors:

The financial report – Dave Albert 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.

Water Towing Meeting @7:00pm with GPD (Scott Jaffee & Dave):

- Dave reported that Caldwell will have final payment report documents from Caldwell for the project this week.
- Diane expressed her unhappiness with the project and she doesn't feel it would be acceptable for Caldwell to cancel out the additional items requested (\$20,457) with the behind schedule fees (\$53,000). Without the weekly meetings every Monday the project would not have stayed moving forward. Caldwell's lack of response and attention to this project was frustrating and caused the Village additional expenses and caused the project to be delayed. Tyler Howell's time spent monitoring the project was unacceptable and cost the Board money.
- Dave is going to reach out to Kurtis at RCAP about the funding and what all is remaining in the contingency funds.

*No warranties have been received for anything on the water tower and the Board would like to have those documents.

Old Business –

Tyler Howell reported:

- Owens Electric installed the surge unit at the water plant.
- Still logging the ROS and the PSI levels have not moved at all with the new membranes.
- Usage at the water plant is still higher than it should be.
- Quote was presented for the air actuators at the plant and the cost for 12 is \$1,500. One air actuator was installed at the plant and it worked properly. A motion was made by Doug Shawver to purchase 12 actuators at \$1,500 along with the \$410 design fee with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed.

If residents are starting to see discolored water again than Tyler Howell stated he can start backwashing the sand filter 2x per week moving forward.

Diane Evans reported that Aqua Water came to the plant for a visit. Documentation from Aqua Water was presented and the Board filled out all the questions regarding the plant.

The Board all agreed to decertify \$3,572.00 in special assessments from 266 N High Street. Clerk Mary Price has permission to send a letter to the treasurer to have that amount removed from the assessments. The Board all agreed the property would be charged \$1,750 for the water installation per the rules and regulations.

New Business –

The EPA came for the tri annual in-depth survey of the water plant. The EPA requested more details in the assessment management plan so Tyler Howell updated the plan and still needs to be finalized with some financial information. Additional items they have requested are as follows:

- Check with the hatchery on their backflow device.
- Pamphlet on backflow prevention and cross connection control needs to be posted on the website.

- Rule #12 from the Rules and Regulations needs to be put online outlining that the board has access to all premises supplied with water.
- Table top exercise needs to be completed implementing the contingency plan.
- Update contingency plan.

The Board implemented their contingency plan for a mock emergency during the meeting. The Board discussed all the steps for the emergency and how the contingency plan would be followed.

The Board discussed the electric bill because the KWH usage has increased. Tyler Howell and Mary Price are going to start monitoring the amount pumped verses the amount billed. Additionally, the new tower could be causing the pumps to run longer so that could be one cause. The Board at this point could not come up with any reasons why the electric bill has increased or where a possible water leak may be in town. The Board all agreed to drop the plant's PSI to 48-53 and see if that makes any difference.

A motion was made by Dave Albert to adjourn the meeting with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. The next regular meeting will be May 16, 2022 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk