

RUBY RANCH WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2023

Attendees: Thomas Doebner
Al Gmitter
Marcus Krause
Lynn Blackmore
Raul Saldivar

Excused: Kevin Rodriguez
Dale Olmstead

Professional Consultants:
Tim Young (PGMS)

Public: Steven Selger
Chris Whittenhall

Meeting opened for business at 6:00 pm, via Zoom Conference and Video Call

1. Thomas Doebner called the meeting to order and determined a quorum had been established.
2. The minutes for the December 1st 2022 were approved. Thomas Doebner and seconded by Al Gmitter
3. The minutes for the February 23, 2023 meeting were approved. Lynn Blackmore and seconded by Al Gmitter
4. Tim Young provided the Board with the Monthly Water System Operations and Pumping Report dated March, 2023.
5. Tim stated PGMS has received 59 (out of 68) passing backflow certifications as of March, 2023, for the 2022-2023 cycle, nothing new to report.
6. Meter Replacement Project: There are currently 38 at or above one million gallons and 1 that has failed to register. Due to supply chain issues back ordered meters are now in hand, and the meter change-out program will proceed, and 4 have been changed to date.
7. ASR Project. Due to extreme drought and elevated customer use, the WSC was not able to begin injection as planned. Extraction resumed on December 15th to minimize the expected over-pumping in relation to the WSC's permit and to avoid possible fines. Since restarting extraction, the system has used 1,025,900 gallons of stored water. The extraction continued through March 2023.
8. Thomas brought up changing to have plant #2 run at a longer period to have more stored water from Well #5 placed into the system, helping reduce any water pumping overages from the Edwards Aquifer. Tim Young stated that the iron (Fe) levels at pump 5 came up, but still below appropriate levels. The use of Aqua-mag continues and no redness of water is visible.

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9. Pressure Plane Project: The pressure plane system has begun operation on February 21st with both plants running. Tim referenced his run-time graph to show what happens to the pressures when switching plants.

10. Tim Young stated that a large oak tree branch had recently fallen north of Plant #1. There is no significant damage of a new limb that fell into the fenced area.

11. Tim Young stated that the ground water storage tank options are in investigation mode trying to understand the best option/quote. This is also to take over the inspection of tanks due to personnel retirement.

12. Tim Young stated that he and Dale Young were reaching out to TCEQ regarding the emergency preparedness plan. All has been submitted, and the response was that all looks good on our paperwork. Tim Young will work to determine the generator selection based on Don Rauschuber, as price and delivery windows have been stable, including the transfer switches. Keith Siebert will do install.

13. Thomas Doebner made a motion that the board approves the purchase the agreed upon generator brand per engineering, Don Rauschuber, which is the Kohler model, unless more discussion is needed. Motion seconded by Lynn Blackmore. Vote is 5 with 2 absent.

14. The Board discussed leaks of large amounts of water during drought periods causing large expenditures for the homeowners. All leaks have been repaired to date per Tim Young.

15. Tim Young has stated that PGMS is asking for an increase in the base rate to capture the expenses of continuing the service. This covers the costs of employees, and new hires to continue the level of service too. This will be further discussed at the annual meeting for RRWSC. Thomas asked about the cost of living increase and if approved, when does it take affect, and then is the CPI on top of the base rate increases. Tim Young stated a new contract date would be May 1st.

16. Thomas Doebner made a motion to proposal presented by PGMS of base rate increase and a 12% personnel and base equipment increase, with CPI taking effect one year from date of contract. Lynn Blackmore seconded the motion. Board votes 5 with 2 absent.

17. Thomas Doebner presented the Cash Flow through February and a portion March 2023. Thomas stated the Corporation was in good financial standing. Thomas also presented RRWSC Balance Sheet dated December 31, 2022, the 2022 Cash Flow for the entire year and the RRWSC 2023 Budget. Thomas also presented the 2022 Monthly Well Pumpage indicating the water usage did not exceed the March allowable Edwards Aquifer pumpage amount by BSEACD.

18. It was determined to have the next RRWSC Zoom Meeting on Thursday, June 8th, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

19. The Zoom Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marcus Krause, Secretary