

Ruby Ranch Water Supply Corporation
Board Meeting
August 17, 2023

Board in attendance: Raul Saldiva, Lynn Blackmore, Thomas Doebner, Dale Olmstead, Chris Whittenhall
Board members excuse: Marcus Krause, Kevin Rodriguez
Public in attendance: Al Gmitter

Meeting began at 7:05pm via Zoom conference and video call

Approval of June minutes: Motion – Dale, seconded – Thomas, approved 5-0

PGMS Report by Tim Young

- June 2.06 million gallons pumped
- July 3.57 million gallons pumped
 - o Increase driven by hot, dry weather with no rain, usage spread across the community
- Water test samples came back good
- BPAT certification requests were sent out and 40% have been received back
- Water meter changeouts on hold due to heat and repair work on a leak
- Currently plant run time ratio is 60% for plant 2 with plant 1 at 40%
- Emergency Preparedness Plan: on July 25 – TCEQ requested clarification regarding generator sizing with respect to power draw of equipment listed
 - o We explained our pressure pumps operate at alternate times, not simultaneously; our plan was revised and resubmitted on 8/8
 - o The generator purchase will be made directly by RRWSC in order to save costs
- Leak at 711 Ruby Ranch was reported on 8/15 and was scheduled to be fixed on 8/17

Trinity Well Production Permit

- BSEACD informed us that our permit's annual cost will be increasing from \$3,400 to \$10,000 over the next 4 years
- The board discussed alternatives or options to mitigate this increase but decided to maintain the status quo as other operational constraints – the desire to maintain our ASR program, the need to blend Trinity and Edwards water at plant 2 for water quality standards, and unknown consequences of a potential stage 4 exceptional drought declaration
- Need to decide if we renew or cancel
 - o We currently have several years of positive balance in our ASR "bubble"

Stage 4 drought

- Dale motioned to prepare stage 4 drought letter to be sent if water district moves to stage 4
 - o Second – Chris
 - o Approved 5-0

Financials

- Capital equipment reserve is now at \$322k invested in CDs
- Thomas stated we have adequate reserves

Financials lead to a discussion about either proactively repairing older parts of the system or having a good understanding of the cost to make substantial capital improvement which could be communicated with residents.

- Dale to connect with Tim @ PGMS regarding system overhaul costs for information purposes

Next meeting was scheduled for 7:00pm on 10/19 and meeting adjourned at 8:50pm