

Brookfield Water Department Minutes

Meeting Date September 14, 2022, meeting started at 11:02 AM

In attendance: Don Taft, Dennis Clarke, Bob Barnes, Al Jones (recorded minutes)

Absent: Holly Chisholm (Holly was out doing all of the prep work for the Regional Water Dept meeting at Noon at the Lewis Field complex)

No minutes or billing to approve

Superintendent Report – Drought update - our wells are maintaining a low, but consistent height since we stopped selling to the water haulers

Green Street Project – CDGB grant – Dennis has been selected to serve on the Engineering Review Committee for this project

Electronic Bill Payment – Waiting on UniBank to do what is required on their end – Holly will be double checking every payment through UniBank to El Dorado – Hoping to be up and running in October 2022

Mill St Well Update – Dennis confirmed that the old town wells across the RR tracks from the Mill St/Kimball St intersection were filled in when they were decommissioned

New Water Rates – In an effort to address increasing operational costs as well as to cover the lack of revenue from water haulers for the time being Al Jones made a motion to accept Dennis's proposed rate changes as shown on sheet 2A (see attachment to these minutes) effective with the Spring 2023 billing cycle and Bob seconded the motion – vote was 3 to 0 in favor of going with option 2A – Holly and Dennis will put a note in the October 2022 bills notifying users of the spring increase

Option 2A overview

\$60 flat rate for the first 1,000 gallons (previously \$60 flat fee for first 5,000 gallons)

\$4.25 per 1,000 gallons from 1,000 to 5,000 gallons (previously \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons after first 5,000 gallons)

\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons from 20,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons

\$5.75 per 1,000 gallons from 40,000 gallons and above

Meeting paused at 11:45 am, commissioners reconvened at Lewis Field at noon for Regional Water meeting

Regional Water Dept Meeting – Best turnout yet, with representatives from Brookfield, East Brookfield, and West Brookfield

Bob made motion to adjourn meeting at 12:50, seconded by seconded by Don, vote 2 to 0 in favor (Al had to leave earlier)