

KEELER COMMUNITY SERVICE DIST.
BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Cummings
Dan Dickman
Mike Gibson
Noah Bricker
Jim Macey

PUBLIC PRESENT

Patty Thorn Robert Spry
Theona Wasson Tammy Hursell
Bruce Spry

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:36PM by acting Chairperson Noah Bricker.
2. Old Business:
 - Review/Pass regular board meeting on January 19, 2021, minutes.
Dan made a motion to accept minutes with a correction made to section regarding Kathe Barton requiring bottles to be removed in old chlorine room, with a second made by Sharon. All board members in agreement.
 - Customer's Report: All property owners have been billed. Many are keeping up or ahead of billing.
 - Review/Approval of Financial Report: Revenue: \$15,864.04
Expenditures: (\$13,412.48)
Net amount in account: \$64,087.19 (from County as of 01/31/2021)
 - Petty Cash: Cash on hand of \$211.21 – No activity, but a request to refill petty cash will be issued soon.
 - Sharon made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second made by Dan.
3. New Business:
 - Sharon began the discussion of adding a fourth water tier. The fourth tier would be described as undeveloped land with water connection that *is* being used, which is different from all other existing tiers. The suggested rate for tier 4 would be \$15.00 per month. Dan and Sharon will take a survey of all water systems to determine which tiers are being used by users so that the appropriate amounts may be billed to KCSD water users.
 - Robert questioned whether people with swimming pools or watering vacant lots would be paying additional fees for water.
 - Dan made a motion to add tier 4. Mike suggested looking at the pricing for all tiers and address the rates during the next monthly board meeting. A plan should be formally made before presenting to the board and voting on it.

- Tammy asked how the board would enforce payment being made for the various tiers. Noah stated that completing the survey to determine who is using what and then charging accordingly will help.
- Tammy questioned whether the person who checks all water filters would be paid. Jim stated that volunteering has been the history of the KCSD but that managing the water system has become more complicated, as the state requires people to work on the water system with specific certifications. Sharon added that the board must move forward with getting state certified water treatment operators as required by the county.
- Dan made a motion to add tier 4 at \$15.00, with a second made by Sharon. All board members in favor. Robert asked if water users would have to back pay for this new tier, to which the board replied no.
- Noah began the discussion of renewing the KCSD website, either by monthly payment or by applying for a hardship grant. Jim suggested paying someone to maintain the site, as Carole Puryear has been volunteering her time to update the site. Sharon made a motion to pay for the site if unable to apply for the hardship, with a second made by Noah. All board members in favor.

4. Director's Reports:

- Sharon Cummings: Discussed working to test all POU's and to make sure citations are completed for the county. The KCSD corrective action plan must be completed, as it is due on April 2, 2021. She stated that a permanent solution beyond purchasing bottled water must be included in the corrective action plan.
- Dan Dickman: No report, but Dan stated he will help with developing the corrective action plan.
- Noah Bricker: No report.
- Mike Gibson: Discussed the recent delivery of bottled water in which Gardner's only charged \$150.00 for this service. He would like to look into grants for leak protection and that detectors could be used to find leaks. Noah thanked Mike for working with Crystal Geysler and Gardner's regarding the recent bottled water delivery, as well as for cleaning up and organizing the water disbursement storage container.
- Jim Macey: Discussed frustrations with the many instances in which he has worked to get grants for the KCSD, with continuous rejections to the grants. He talked with Matt Kingsley recently about hiring a water operator to oversee the special districts, such as the KCSD. Matt Kingsley stated in the conversation that he would follow up with Kathe Barton about how many districts need this service.

5. Public Comment:

- Tammy asked what grants have been rejected. Jim stated that one such grant included offering money for systems needing back-up power, of which was a very competitive

grant. Noah mentioned that back-up power is necessary to assist in fueling water pumps.

- Robert Spry addressed that Thomas from Darwin has been coming into Keeler in the evenings to take water from town, waking Keeler residents up during the process. Sharon stated that an agreement is in place with Thomas. Dan suggested developing an export water rate. Mike stated that a consistent policy should be put in place for all people who want to purchase water from the KCSD. The policy should be formalized and distributed to all KCSD water users so that the KCSD can appropriately follow up with individuals who are violating this policy.

6. Dan made a motion to adjourn at 6:31PM, with a second made by Sharon. All board members in agreement.

Minutes by Leigh McLendon, Secretary

Board Member Signature



Date

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