

**KEELER COMMUNITY SERVICE DIST.**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**January 19, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sharon Cummings  
Dan Dickman  
Mike Gibson  
Noah Bricker  
Jim Macey

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Patty Thorn            Robert Spry  
Theona Wasson      Carole Puryear  
Bruce Spry            Alice Robertson  
John Duke

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:37PM by acting Chairperson Noah Bricker, with a second made by Mike Gibson.
2. Review/Pass regular board meeting on January 19, 2021, minutes.  
Dan Dickman made a motion to accept minutes, with a second made by Sharon Cummings. All board members in agreement.
3. **Old Business:**
  - Customer's Report: All property owners have been billed. Many are keeping up or ahead of billing.
  - Review/Approval of Financial Report: Revenue: \$10, 325.04  
Expenditures: (\$13,076.07)  
Net amount in account: \$60,152.16 (from County as of 01/07/2021)
    1. Hat Creek Construction paid in full, \$4,000.00, on 12/10/2020.
  - Petty Cash: Cash on hand of \$211.21 – Board members approved Leigh McLendon as the keeper of petty cash for KCSD.
  - Sharon Cummings made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second made by Dan Dickman. All board members in agreement.
4. **New Business:**
  - Jim Macey revised the grant project according to the instructions given by Kathe Barton. However, obstacles continue to come up as the state adds more requirements for the completion and submission of the grant.
  - Dan Dickman discussed the KCSD county debt and referring to an attorney for advice. Sharon Cummings will assist Dan in seeking help from an attorney to address the debt. Mike Gibson suggested having a closed session to discuss further. Noah Bricker made a motion to seek help from county attorney for advice, with a second made by Sharon. All board members in favor.

- The water leak on the west side of town was addressed. Alice Robertson offered to resolve the issue if the board made a motion to approve her involvement, stating that she could have it taken care of within a week's time. Sharon stated that this leak has been going on for six to seven years. Per the KCSD by-laws, a licensed plumber must be involved in fixing the leak. Noah made a motion for Alice to get a quote for fixing the leak, with a second made by Dan. All board members in favor.
- Mike Gibson mentioned that the water will need to be chlorinated prior to fixing the leak. Dan Dickman stated that Kathe Barton is concerned about having chlorine on hand. Kathe Barton will need to be contacted by a board member for further clarification about the storage requirements of chlorine.
- Mike Gibson discussed running the KCSD board members as scheduled per by-laws. Noah Bricker stated that any changes and/or cancellations to the meetings need to occur according to the by-laws.
- Mike Gibson began the discussion of how to address purchasing water for Keeler residents. He stated that less than a pallet of water is used per month. Jim Macey would like to have a water trailer available in Keeler so that water users can collect their own water. Sharon Cummings said that Keeler is not required to offer bottled water but that a corrective action must be in place.
- Jim Macey asked if the KCSD must provide potable water, with Robert Spry stating yes per the Clean Water Act. Mike Gibson noted that offering the bottled water is a temporary solution until a final decision is made.
- Further discussion was had about the possibility of adding a surcharge to all water users to help off-set the cost of purchasing bottled water. No resolution on this item until a board member discusses issue with the county. Jim Macey mentioned that the \$35.00 per month fee for water users does not cover the costs of the KCSD. Mike Gibson mentioned concerns over having a water trailer available for Keeler residents in that the county may want to start testing the water within the trailer.
- Noah Bricker made a motion to approve the purchase of eight pallets of water from Crystal Geyser, with Gardners in Lone Pine delivering the water. Mike Gibson made a second for this motion. Jim Macey in agreement. Sharon Cummings and Dan Dickman voted against this motion. The motion was carried, due to three out of five members voting in favor.
- Mike Gibson discussed the creation of advisory committees to address issues immediately and to prevent monthly KCSD meetings from being weighed down. Two board members are required to be on an advisory committee, and each advisory committee should be dedicated to resolving one issue. Dan Dickman, Jim Macey and Noah Bricker were all in agreement of developing advisory committees.

- Jim Macey began the discussion of current water rates. Mike Gibson mentioned that water rates should be evaluated yearly and that outside factors contribute to increasing the rates periodically. Noah Bricker requested that increasing water rates be added to the next monthly KCSD board meeting.
- Mike Gibson discussed defining public commentary in regard to the KCSD meetings. Everyone has the right to comment. Jim Macey mentioned that in the KCSD by-laws, members of the public are limited to three minutes to discuss issues. Public commentary should only involve water-related problems and not personal town problems or gossip.
- Dan Dickman discussed the recent meeting with Kathe Barton. Dan, Mike Gibson, Jim Macey and Sharon Cummings were all present for the meeting in which the county wished to check the KCSD well. Sharon stated that Great Basin has a sensor within the well that simply needs to be moved to a different part of the well. Mike Gibson mentioned that having Great Basin's equipment in the well offers an affordable option for the KCSD to regularly retrieve information about the water that the KCSD would otherwise never be able to afford. Other items were brought up in the meeting with Kathe Barton, such as removing the old bottles of chlorine in the chlorine room and fixing a sensor cap.
- Sharon Cummings discussed taking samples of the water and sending to the county, along with help from Carole Puryear. Alice Robertson questioned where the samples are coming from to test the arsenic and manganese levels. Dan Dickman, Mike Gibson and Noah Bricker all stated that the samples are being taken from well #1.

#### 4. Director's Reports:

- Sharon Cummings: No report – Items were already discussed throughout the meeting
- Dan Dickman: No report – Items were already discussed throughout the meeting
- Noah Bricker: No report – Items were already discussed throughout the meeting
- Mike Gibson: Discussed that the state will be coming in soon to manage the water system. He suggested that the KCSD and town of Keeler not fight the involvement but that everyone should take advantage of it. A public meeting will most likely occur in March 2021. The state will have an administrator in place, but Mike stated that the KCSD should require that they remain involved and have the option to maintain the water system. Mike also stated that POU's should be removed from all houses. Dan Dickman mentioned that Kathe Barton would like a final sampling of all POU's before they are removed from homes.
- Jim Macey: Discussed the difficulties of getting through the various obstacles required to receive water grant. Jim reiterated that the monthly water fees for the KCSD water users does not cover costs. The state is trying to bring potable water to Keeler, but Jim

wants the KCSD to be successful in accomplishing this task, such as having a water kiosk available to Keeler residents.

5. Public Comment:

- Robert Spry wished to thank Mike Gibson and Noah Bricker for their work with the purchase and distribution of water to Keeler residents. Robert mentioned that the KCSD is working illegally in its attempt to provide water to residents.
- Alice Robertson mentioned that there is ten feet of property for utility right of way, of which the board addressed.

6. Dan Dickman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second made by Noah Bricker. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM by unanimous vote of the board.

Minutes by Leigh McLendon, Secretary

Board Member Signature  Date 1/16/21