

Burns Utility Board
February 13, 2017
Minutes

The Burns Utility Board met in regular session on February 13, 2017. Members present were Board Members Ralph Bartels, Judy Johnstone, Harvey Humphrey, and Steve Newton. Board President Matt Fields was absent from this meeting. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar and Town Maintenance Ted Kellner, Scott Cowley with AVI, Marty Jones and Mark Stacy with Lidstone and Associates.

At 6:00 pm Board Member Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Board Member Newton moved to send Matt and family a card letting them know we are thinking of them. Board Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes:

Board Member Humphrey moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting. Board Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Board Member Johnstone moved to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Board Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Board Member Bartels reported that we need to do an upgrade to our SCADA system at a cost of \$1,460.00. Board Member Humphrey moved to do the necessary upgrade to the SCADA system at a cost of \$1460.00. Board Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Request:

Board Member Bartels reported that we had contacted Lidstone and Associates to get the A-3 well redone and online. Marty Jones reported that A-3 had a good permit. Marty reported the permit will not go away unless someone files abandonment against it. Board Member Johnstone reported that she understands that we had to have it on line within 5 years.

Board Member Newton believes the longer we wait the more it will cost.

Marty Jones based the cost of doing the A-3 well off of the Level II study that was done several years ago. Board Member Johnstone inquired about how much the A-7 well pumped. Marty reported it was 150 gpm.

Marty Jones is concerned with where we could get funding from. We could do another project through WWDC. Applications are due in August and it would be June of 2018 before

we knew about the funding. Marty reported that we would need a permit to move the well which we could get through SEO after we had the funding.

Toni inquired about doing the well in sections and not as one big project. It is only about 400 feet to connect the A-3 well to our transmission system.

Ted Kellner inquired as to why we need to do test holes. Ted feels we could move 10 to 15 feet away and drill the well, we already have done the flow testing with the level II study. Mark Stacy said that was an option. Ted Kellner reported we know about what we will get from well A3.

Board Humphrey feels that we should get moving on this project, once we get funding in place

Board Member Johnstone would like to see a more realistic price for this well. Toni McNamar suggested that we divide the project into phases, well in now and transmission lines at a later date. Toni McNamar suggested that Lidstone come back with project divided into phases and all of the answers to our questions for the State Engineers Office.

Board Member Johnstone moved to have Lidstone and Associates find out from the State Engineers Office what permitting is required for this well, provide quote to show what the price really is with us funding this project ourselves. Board Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report:

The Maintenance report was reviewed. Ted Kellner reported that we may need to buy heater for maintenance shop.

Ted Kellner reported that after studying the drawings for the transmission lines he saw where one of the three valves by the water tower was not put on the final plans. Ted reported that this valve needs to be there to keep water from going up into the tower when blowing off a line. Jeff Appleman with Aztec construction reported that it was not on his construction plans dated March of 2016. Jeff reported that there is not much room there to fix this. Jeff reported it would cost \$10,000 to put this valve in because of its location. Board Member Johnstone inquired how that valve got left out of the contractor's plans.

Marty Jones inquired as to the purpose of valve. Ted Kellner reported that it was to keep water from going up into the tower when blowing off a line. Board Member Bartels feels that it needs to be addressed by someone other than the town.

Board Member Johnstone reported that she would like to see this resolved this week and to know when it would be fixed. Board Member Bartels reported that if the valve was there on the first drawing then there must have been a purpose for it. Board Member Johnstone reported

that it sounds like an engineering problem and that the Town of Burns will not incur the cost to fix this.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that we have collected all of the 2012 1% tax.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the utility rates have been changed in the billing system for the next billing.

Town Hall will be closed February 20th – 24th.

Board President Report:

Board President Matt Fields was absent from this meeting.

Board Member Reports:

Board Member Humphrey had nothing to report.

Board Member Newton had nothing to report.

Board Member Bartels had nothing to report.

Board Member Johnstone had nothing to report.

Approval of Vouchers:

Board Member Johnstone moved to approve the vouchers. Board Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

At 6:55 pm Board Member Newton moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Utility Board is scheduled March 13th at 6 pm.

Utility Board Member Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Utility Board Secretary