

**Maury Mutual Water Company
Minutes from Annual Board Meeting on March 25th 2023**

Trustees:

Stephen Hunter - President
Jerry Balcom - Vice President
Paul Gilland - Treasurer
Sam Cooper – Secretary
John Martinak - Operator

Attendees:

Ward Carson
Marilyn & Richard Faulker
James Robinson
Armen Yousoufian
R&K Ostrau
Tom & Andrea Wanerstand
John Martinack
Scott Harrison
Ken Wickland
Bill Riley
Will & Karen Lockwood

Meeting called to order at 10:02

Last year's minutes were Approved

Report of the President

System is good but is aging.

There is work that needs doing.

We are facing ongoing logistical issues: challenging to find people to work on the system.

We have a new CPA.

We are having a new person do meter reading.

We are not big enough to hire an Operator full time. John is our Operator of Record.

We are seeking members on the board.

Operators Report

Overview

Two water sources

1. Spring - chlorination no filtration

2. Well - below sea level - iron and manganese we filter out with green sand

Water is test in accordance w/ state and federal regs

Lead and Copper we test for every 3 years. We are well below action levels.

Nitrate can be issue w/ shallow aquifer. We are nicely below required levels too.

Recent Activity

Problems w/ piping in the well house. John tore out and replace w/ Schedule 80 PVC

A number of leaks over the last year

Some meters replaced

An abanded service line on 89th AVE sprung a leak and was repaired

Leak west of Maury Park road happened last week

Friday permanent fix will be done.

We are getting a some help from Skylar for meter reading.

2023 Projects - Goals

- Flush ports on 75th on 244th
- replacing section of transmission line from source to the tanks (aka 2.5 inch repair)

Questions

Q: Is the state health dept going to be requiring us to test for pfas ?

A: Yes. There are only a couple labs at this point.

We are tentatively scheduled to start testing next summer.

Testing after that would be every 3 years.

As far as we know no one on the island has been able to test for it yet.

Questions on the 2.5inch repair ?

The current transmission line runs next to unstable bank, so we want to remove that section of the line.

We can't pump spring directly to the system (it needs chlorine contact time).

We have ability to pump from source to the transmission system because we could run the well directly to the main.

Thank you to John Martinak for his efforts and his work in the Operator training program

Q: How many more hookups can the system support?

A: We are not accepting any new hookups into the system.

We have been fully subscribed for the last 50 years.

Q: What about water shares that are not being used?

A: John thinks there are about 10 that are not being used

Q: On 59th Ave, someone has cleared a site for construction

A: That is not on the sytem.

Q: Would adding more shares put us in a higher class?

A: Sort of. If we took more shares then we would have to put in fire prevention lines.

By not allowing more shares, we are grandfathered in.

When the well was drilled, we got our current rating.

Q: Are there any members that have used and unused shares?

A: Yes, the Golf Course has two for emergency.

Some of the services are going to undeveloped lots.

We are not aware of any Shares that are just being banked.

Q: What is the cutoff?

A: 100 shares

If we were to expand beyond that then it would remove our Grandfathered status for our system.

If a system is serving 15 or more connections, then the water system management rules apply.

Our storage and source are good, but our Mains are inadequate. Since we we are not looped we would likely be required to have 8 inch mains.

Q: What about redefining our Service Area?

A: Same considerations, if you expand the SA then the grandfathered status would be called into question.

Q: How we can we help John WRT to his workload?

A: We are pursuing opportunities with other folks from other water districts.

Q: Is District 19 considering satellite management of other systems? (like ours)

A: Yes but D19 is already understaffed.

Q: Has there been any more discussion of the replacement of the mains of Point Robinson line?

A: Not really. We have not had any major leaks on it.

Runs from 29th to the Point.

When it gets replaced it will have to moved to the other side of the road. It's currently on the same side as the gas line.

It's not the first one on the list of lines to be replaced.

It is quarter million dollar project (ball park).

It is on the South Side of Point Robinson.

Q: What are PFAs?

A" They are referred to as forever chemicals

Water repellents, scotch guard

Treasurer's Report

We have an additional \$24,000 in the bank since 2021.

Accounting fees went up.

Monitoring tests went up 256%. Chlorine is costing more.

Water usage went down, but electrical costs went up.

We current have \$259K in the bank.

We expect to spend some this year.

What is the status of 2020 and 2021 tax returns? Done.
2022 should be done this year w/o extension.

New accountant is Lake, Kennedy, and McCall.

Q: Why was postcard filing done for 2019?

A: We aren't familiar with that. It was done by previous CPA.

Q: Could we post form 990 on our website?

A: We will discuss this.

Q: Can we stop the escalation of member's fees? Is there a threshold where bumping rates doesn't make sense anymore?

A: A number of years ago the decision was made to increase fees a little bit of every years.

The actual water usage rate hasn't gone up. It's the administrative fee that's going up.

A: Can we put some of the money we have saved in a money market to protect if from inflation? e.g. 1 year Bonds are paying 5%.

Q: We are unsure about access issues to the funds then. Previously the company did do this. We will look into it.

Spring House Discussion

Spring supplies most of the water

It's the best source.

Spring house in on Luana Beach rd. That building is basically the same for last 20/30 years.

We got a bad report a few years ago on the state of our spring house.

That it was not sealed adequately.

We put in a Cedar floor.

It is a concrete block tank that the house sits upon.

The new Cedar floor is closer to the water. We do see mildew buildup on the underside of the floor.

We intend to put in a metal floor w/ metal supports.

Two parts to the project: floor first, then redo the building itself.

There is a byline provision that we need members approval for anything over 30K.

The bid we have is \$31,000.

When we redo the floor we will also reseal the tank.

There will be sections of the floor. It will be slightly higher off the water.

This year would like to replace the floor, then do the building next year.

Q: Has Vapor Barrier been considered?

A: When talking to the vendor their concern was that is would challenging to seal it up

Q: Why wasn't the fact that it needed approval communicated more fully in advance?

A: We could have done a better job communicating this.

Motion filed to vote on the Approval of the the over thirty thousand worth of spending on the Springhouse.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

Armand abstained from the vote.

Q: Will the aluminum oxidize?

A: We don't think so. We should take note of what type of aluminum.

Q: Are there engineered drawings and do we require dept of health of approval:

A: Yes there are drawings, and dept of health approval is not required.

Jerry Retiring

Jerry is retiring after 22 years. It is a 5 year term for Jerry's spot.

Richard Fultz has been nominated.

Will Scott Durkee be retiring from the board? We are unsure.

For now he is remaining on the board.

Voting for Richard joining the board was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:56