Maury Mutual Water Company 66th Annual Meeting – March 30, 2019

10:00 AM at the Land Trust Building

Attendees:

Trustees: Jerry Balcom, Steve Brown, Stephen Hunter, Will Lockwood, Paul Gilland

MMWC Office & Meter Clerk: Kathie Balcom, Operator: John Martinak

Members & Guests: Glen Gray, Karen Lockwood, Robin & Grant Branstator, David Linton, Alan Kaplan, Scott Durkee, Andrea Walker, Armen Yousoufian, Marilyn and Richard Foulkes

Proxies submitted: Robin & Grant Branstator who had to leave early

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM

Roll was taken by means of a sign-in sheet.

Opening comments by president noted that it has become difficult to find people to work on island water systems. MMWC will be seeking off-island contractors if local options don’t work out.

Approval of the minutes:

Minutes from the April 7, 2018 annual meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. A question was raised about public discussion of water efficiency. It was noted that there was an active discussion on this topic during the 2018 annual meeting and that this is recorded in the minutes. The minutes were then adopted without objection.

Operators Report – John Martinak

• A level probe on the 63d street tank failed. There was some initial concern, but replacing the probe fixed the issue. During this failure harmonic shock caused hammering that stressed piping in the well house. Old plumbing in the well house needs replacing and better supporting.

• Water quality continues to be good. Nitrates are still within acceptable parameters. Our current levels are still good. They are well below the MCL threshold of 10 set by the Dept. of Health, but it would be nice to know why they are slowly rising.

• Lead and asbestos testing will be done this year.

• The tanks will get cleaned and inspected in a week

• Service meter replacements will begin soon to replace old equipment

• Flush ports are to be added at the end of 244th and 75th lines

• Source controls are scheduled for update and replacement

• Well point production is holding, but will need servicing this year

• Zellerhoff was consulted on costs for line replacement in the upper system. The section for 63d to Pt. Robinson Rd. would be about $80K and on 59th to the tank about $180K. The big project will be replacing steel-wrapped pipe on Pt. Robinson with estimated cost around $250-300K. We would need to apply for a loan for the larger projects when ready. The replacement pipe would be 4” where it makes sense. We are not currently required to go larger to provide fire flow under our current status. A question was asked about putting in larger pipe for the future when replacing. That would not be beneficial if both sides connecting are 2.5”. The other concern is if a large 8” line is dropped in to a section of relatively low flow then it may be impossible to get adequate velocity through the pipe due to system design.

• It was noted that a member had recently called DOH several times pointing out perceived improprieties. Soon afterward John had a long conversation with DOH regarding these recent inquiries and asked if MMWC had done anything wrong. DOH answered we have done nothing wrong and sent an email to both MMWC and the member stating thus.

Treasurer’s Report – Steve Brown

Current balance is ~$200K. This has been building up with customer support to prepare for upcoming large projects. The question came up about professional services costs. The audit cost $7K and the attorney costs were close to $16K. There were also costs for the company to organize and provide the requested documents. This was exceptionally time consuming and an additional company cost.

New Business:

• Audit – A letter was sent out to members with the audit results. No issues were found. The results are available online and printed copy by request.

• In an effort to improve communications the operational policies are also now online at the MMWC website. The documents include Board of Trustees conflict of interest recusal policy, plus leak, multiple memberships and waiting list policies. There are now 8 persons on the waiting list. It was pointed out that the waiting list has no intrinsic value and adds no value to a property. A position on the list cannot be bought or sold. The question was raised as to whether there should be any wait list at all as it may engender false hope. The Sanitary surveys have also been posted.

• The waiting list policy language was adopted to clarify its purpose, which is the right of first refusal if a share becomes available. It is not a guarantee or a contract. There are currently 14 requests from 8 individuals. The waiting list adds no value to the property and has no intrinsic value. It is not a commodity nor is it something that people can buy or sell positions on.

A discussion ensued about how many memberships there are vs how many have meters. There are 2 memberships without connection currently.

Trustee Elections:

• 5 year term: Steve Hunter was unopposed and re-elected to this seat with 11 votes and none opposed.

• 2 year term: Paul Gilland was elected to complete the remaining 1 year of the Krogman term with 12 votes and no opposing votes.

Questions: Scott D. asked if he can have his water tested. The answer is yes, it can be added to our monthly lab tests.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. The minutes were recorded by Will Lockwood, MMWC secretary.