**Palomar Mountain Mutual Water Company, Inc.**

**Regular meeting of the Board of Directors**

**December 10, 2022**

**The meeting was held at the Water Co. office building**

**Directors Present:** Joanne Marugg, Brian Wagner, John Lesac, Brett Michael Hauser,

Diana Forero-Cook and Mary Ellen Harshberger Also Martin Marugg [Past President]

**Staff Present:** Mike Probert [Operator], Linda Thorne [Office Manager]

**Members Present:** none

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Brett moved, Diana seconded, and the Board approved.

Joanne read a thank-you card from Cecilia Borland. We sent flowers to her after Glenn’s death.

She also thanked Glenn for all of his years of to the Water Co. and to the community. He is and will be severely missed.

A shareholder sent us a certified letter complaining about water trucks taking water off the mountain. This has nothing to do with us, however. Mike reported that Tony fell and broke his femur. He is now in rehab.

Drought has severe effects on California. Farmers in the central valley and pumping water from the aquifer and selling it to others rather than growing crops. The Colorado River is low, among other issues

**Operator’s Report: Mike Probert**

*See the Operators written report as part of these minutes.*

Well #3 is at 30 feet, and well #5 is at 32 feet. These readings have not changed. Last year they were at 28.3 and 33 feet. The last rain was mostly run-off.

Meters read: Share transfer readings at Locations #121 and #76

Leaks: There was a water leak in the line from the wells to the tanks. This was repaired by Mike and Jeremy.

Davy Tree dropped debris on a standpipe. Jeremy repaired it.

The State keeps sending demands. The latest is to cut and cap Darby well and provide a map of our service area showing all testing sites. We will do both even though the well house is sealed and locked. The State made many demands and cannot access material we have previously sent to the County when they were in charge. Mary-Ellen pointed out that cutting and capping is easily reversable.

We need to use a new testing lab, because the one we have been using is not certified. We will probably be using Alpha Analytical. Our old lab will not release data to us until we pay our back bills, but they seem to be unable to bill us. Brett pays all bills on time, but if we do not get billed, he cannot make the payments.

Joanne asked Mike to reinstall the meter that was removed due to a legal issue with the member. The issue has been resolved.

Brian has a map of the water company that might be useful.

Mike and Jeremy need help with digging and other heavy work. Anyone interested?

**Secretary’s Report: John Lesac**

*See new share transfers spread sheet as part of these minutes*

John read the list of new members. The Board approved the January 2023 Newsletter with Brian moving, Brett Michael seconding and the board approved with one correction.

**Treasurer’s Report: Brett Michael Hauser**

*See financials for October 2022 as part of these minutes*

**The metered water revenue is down**. Members are conserving water. Brett presented data on our legal accounts and the board discussed. One of the accounts is closed and another is about to be. Brett will give us a six-month summary at the next meeting.

**Electrical bills are up 8% in January**. Most of the increase will be in the transmission and distribution charge. This affects both on-peak and off-peak hours equally. We will certainly see this in our next bills. Brett review the electrical charges.

**Aged receivables:** Brett went over the aged receivables. We have no contact for several members in arrears. Linda is working on how to find them. Some meters will need to be locked-off.

**Post Box theft:** Thieves are using sticky tape to fish into mailboxes. They collect checks and change them so that they can cash them. Avoid using outside mailboxes.

**New business**

Member Chuck Black has expressed an interest on sitting on the board. He was on the board years ago and comes with good qualifications. Joanne will call and ask if he is still interested

**Old Business**

We will continue working on the bylaws at our January meeting. We are getting close to finishing.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 At 10:25 AM**

Respectfully submitted

Linda Thorne [Office Manager]