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

**Regular meeting of the Board of Directors**

**February 11, 2023**

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

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

Diana Forero-Cook and Charles Black.

Absent: John Lesac and Mary Ellen Harshberger

**Staff Present:** Mike Probert [Operator], Linda Thorne [Office Manager] and Martin Marugg [Past President]

**Members Present:** none

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved with corrections. Brett moved, Charles seconded, and the Board approved.

**Operator’s Report: Mike Probert**

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

Well #3 is at 27 feet, and well #5 is at 28 feet. These readings have not changed much from last year’s readings, although we have had much more rain this year. This might show up later.

Meters read: None.

Leaks: Two leaks at locations 85 and 92.

Gallons used: An average of 12,000 gallons per day.

Mike is having a lot of trouble finding these leaks. Someone is using a lot of water in the afternoons and evenings. He and Jeremy will keep searching.

State issues: Mike and Joanne had a telephone conference call with Megyn Rugh and the head engineer Sean Sterchi.

Joanne complained about the several heavy-handed messages saying that we were non-compliant. This is not the case. Joanne got threatened with jail because Linda did not complete the EAR report by the deadline [Linda could not get into the EAR Portal despite many calls for help.] During the transition from County control to State control many records were lost or misplaced. Sometimes our testing Labs are unable to send the date to the State, for some reason or another. Mike usually does this. Hopefully these situations will be rectified soon.

We may have to take water samples to Chula Vista to find a compliant lab. Charles volunteered to take water samples to the testing lab if we ever need his help.

The telemetry was down for the Pedley Valley wells. Someone had unscrewed the antennae. Mike and Jeremy put a box around it to help discourage this misdeed. Meanwhile Jeremy turned the wells off and on by hand.

**Secretary’s Report: Linda Thorne**

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

Telephone update: First of all, our company phone is primarily used as an answering machine. When Linda called to renew this year’s phone contract, she was told that the price for the land line was going way up. AT&T WANTS TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF LAND LINES BECAUSE IT TAKES TOO MUCH TO MAINTAIN THEM. To avoid high payments, they strongly suggested that we get a 5g cell phone [ AT&T now has 5g on Crestline, previously older AT&T cell phones did not work well- they must be 5g.]. It took about a month of fooling around before this was finally accomplished. We now have a cell phone that works well. It is kept at Mike’s cabin for exclusive water company business. This makes response time much faster. This lowers our phone bill to about $35/ month.

We have managed to locate two members who were “lost”. Their water bills have been returned undelivered. They are now paid up or are making payments. We now have another couple of missing members that we need to find.

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

*See financials for December 2022*

Brett reviewed the financials. Of note is that we sold less water last year.

SDG&E rates have greatly increased because of the high price of the natural gas that they used to generate electricity. The also have change their rate structure [on peak = $.54/kwh, off- peak = $.48/kwh and Super off-peak =- $.46/ kwh. Previously they were $.68/kwh, $.46/kwh, and $.33/kwh respectively. There is currently not much difference between on-peak and off-peak hours. We no longer save much by pumping on off peak hours.

Our legal bills now total $17,033 from July through December. One of our legal cases had been resolved and we have been reimbursed legal fees by the shareholder. Several other issues are almost resolved.

**Old Business**

**Discussion of the Bylaws.** The board reviewed the latest versions of our By-laws and decided that we should send them to our Lawyer for final revision. The board will look them over once more before we consider them completed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11.05 AM.**

**Next meeting: March 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM .**

Respectfully submitted

Linda Thorne [Office Manager]