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BMWS Board Meeting **February 25, 2025**

Board Members in Attendance:

Darren Green, President
Paula Skipper, VP
Shelly Crawford
Casandra Ritter
Shevon Harris - Absent

Members in Attendance:

Claude Williams - Operator
Kim Buckingham – Office Manager
Greg Cook - Member

Water Sector Program (WSP) Update

Heath McGuffee, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson (MMLH). Currently the project is in its final stages. We did have to order more meters which delayed the original timeline.

Rate Study – We were long overdue for a Rate Study. It was a requirement of the WSP program. It also fulfilled a requirement by the LA Department of Health for our Annual Report Card. We were delighted to find that the rates were sustainable. We do need to be aware that the company that performed the study did NOT consider our repayment of the 26% match for the WSP program.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Casandra made a motion to accept Shelly 2nd.

Budget Review – We are gaining financial stability with the increase...but we are paying as much out of pocket for our WSP Match as possible and paying on the Line of Credit. See attached spreadsheet for details. Shelly approved, Darren 2nd.

Rate Increase – The Board has determined that in a rate increase is much needed. Customers will be notified with the February/March billing cycle, and the increase will go into effect with the April billing cycle.

Accomplished and reviewed.

Renters – discussion started with the intent to raise the deposit. As a result of the discussion, there is a new policy of requiring the homeowner to be responsible for the water bill. How they want to charge their customer(s) is their decision. Effectively immediately, homeowners will become responsible for the water bill. **UPDATE – policy is in place and enforced.**

Bridge at Hwy 80 & Delhi – rebuild or repair project forecasted for 2027 – We purchase our water from The Town of Delhi. The eight-inch line that comes from them is connected to the bridge and will need to be bored under Bayou Macon. **UPDATE** - The DOT will not pay for this project. We are getting quotes and are going to submit to the CWF (Community Water Enrichment Fund) grant for approval to use the \$34,000 for this purpose. Also investigate the Utility Relocation Assistance Program. Heath is going to provide info.

Pay Reviews – Kim Buckingham asked for a raise. Confirmation to work from home if the weather is bad or slower customer days. Motion to Approve, Darren, Shelly 2nd.

Office building - The ramp will need to be reinforced (replaced). Kurt Goddard has been asked to do the work. Darren approved, Paula 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 with Shelly Crawford making the motion and Daren Green 2nd.