



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2025

The Regular April Board meeting of the Lee Hammond MDWCA was called to order at 18:01 on April 23, 2025, at 414 RD 5500 by Barbara Kiipper.

Present

Barb Kiipper

Teresa Stevens

Tye Bell

Joe Lewis

Doug Smith

Moses Herrera

Russell Cloer

Aaron Lee

Tiffany Alcon

After the review of the minutes of March 19, 2025, Barb asked if there were any questions or concerns, Doug noticed in the minutes that instead of March it was listed as January. (Noted and revised)

Barb asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2025.

Tye Bell Motioned with the change of January to March in the top line of minutes, Moses Herrera seconded to approve the March 19, 2025 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda included, Approval of agenda, Consideration and approval of last meeting minutes, Financial report, Operational report, Resolution 2025-08 Calendar year 2024 final quarter financial report, Discussion and approval of a rate increase schedule for the next 2-5 years, Member/customer issues.

Barb asked for Motion to approve Agenda. **Tye Bell moved, Doug Smith seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

System Report

Financial Report

Aaron gave a financial report for March Revenue was \$109,147 90% of the budget. Expenditures were \$169,664 173% of budget. The next meeting it should only be about half of our budget due to the Insurance payment coming out. Other Revenue was \$4,464 which was interest income, which was about 600%. Our Net revenue after all of our expenses was -\$56,054. Board was given 2 budgets, one accrual and one cash, so everyone could notice the difference of how the numbers show up. We report Cash basis to the state. We went over a little about the audit and some of the findings, but will hopefully have the full report for next month's board meeting.

Operation report:

We produced 12,184,350 gallons of water, and sold 11,004,820. This does fluctuate every month because of tanks, leaks, and other reasons.

We had 2 transfers through the month.

Plans for the system for the new board members: We have in the plans 2 tank rehabs, a second pond, and power to all of our tanks. This will come up a little later when we talk about our rates.

Discussion and approval of Resolution 2025-08 Calendar year 2024 Final quarter financial report. One of the things Aaron learned being a Mutual Domestic is we can

not turn in a budget until we get a final quarter resolution. So the resolution is just saying here is our final quarter for the year, we also submit our bank statements with this along with our financials.

Teresa Stevens made a Motion to approve; Joe Lewis Seconded, all in favor.

Rate Increase:

In the book there was a sheet that showed what the other systems charge for water. Waterworth is a system we have that can show differences on rates, projects and so on. We can calculate in this system to show what our financials would be with different percentage rate increases, or if we don't change them. This will show that in 5-10 years what we will be operating at if we don't do a rate increase vs if we do rate increases periodically. We can also calculate for projects we have or need to have done in the future. Without rate increases we will be at a standstill on any future projects. We need to refab some tanks, get power to all of our tanks, and we would like to get a second pond. This rate increase will show more/less what we can do in the future with any rate increases the board approves and how often. This system also shows if we borrow money for any of the projects, how that would impact our financials in the future. We adjusted the percentage to show the long term money the association would bring in vs out. Aaron would like 8% which would be a \$2.00 increase in the water bills. Board opted for the 10% rate increase which is a \$2.50 increase in water bills, and won't do another rate increase for a couple of years. Joe Lewis made a motion to raise rates 10% with Teresa adding we take a look at rates every year to see what actuals look like and if we need to adjust accordingly. This will go into effect for June's billing.

Motion to approve; Joe Lewis made a motion, Doug Smith seconded, all in favor.

Member/customer issues;

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025.

National Rural Water Association will be having in service training in Reno, NV. June 3-6.

NMRWA Summer board meeting 8/22/25 or 8/29/25

NMRWA Conference Sept. 15-17

CRWUA Conference Dec. 16-18

Board Training:

No board training this meeting.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session during this meeting.

There being no further business, *adjourned the meeting at 19:17.*

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