

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 6:18 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:

Marla Casley, Doug Keeler, Lou Allocco, Mindy Kephart, and Jim McLaughlin

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Burrington and Ian Kimball

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, Eric Carlson, and Brian Scott

Doug Keeler opened the Board Meeting at 6:18 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

No added items.

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from January 10, 2024, were presented for approval. Marla Casley moved to approve the minutes. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. The Rainbow Water District/Springfield Utility Board Joint Work session minutes will be presented for approval next month.
3. The financial reports for January 2024 were presented for approval. Lou Allocco moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. January 2024 Financial Report Review: Doug Keeler reviewed 3 transactions and approved the January 2024 audit trail report. The missing checks report for January 2024 was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 17284-17350 and there were no breaks in sequence. There was one new vendor, Kelly Create, which is an updated name from Kelly Connect.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Jamie has been increasing our social media presence on Facebook to get information to customers in a quick and efficient manner. Rainbow's page has 428 followers.
2. A large leak was repaired on Laralee Street.
3. The Springfield Utility Board has begun planning for permits for the Thurston Treatment Plant.
4. PeaceHealth is building a rehab hospital on the vacant lot next to Symantec.

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5. The Metropolitan Management Wastewater Commission is completing their master plan updates in 2024 and planning for future sewer installs. New installations in Rainbow's service area are planned, but still several years in the future.
6. Jamie presented information on the electrical grid and how the electrical system is interconnected from BPA's large transmission mains to the utility companies and then to individual homes.
7. Eric gave an overview of Rainbow's procedures for leak repair in mains and service lines. The crew will always try and fix a leak with the least amount of impact on our customers. Best case scenario is to fix the leak live, next it is throttling the main to lessen the water pressure and the last resort is to shut off the main for the repair. If the water has to be shut off, 24-hour advanced notice is given to customers, unless it is an emergency, in which case notice would be given on the day of repairs.
8. Jamie presented a leak credit request to the Board from the customer at 2660 N 32nd Street. The customer had an extremely high-water bill as a result of 2 breaks during the ice storm and requested credit on the January and February 2024 bills. The customer noted they have also requested reimbursement through a homeowners insurance claim. The general consensus of the Board is that if the customer presents documentation that the insurance claim is denied, they are willing to discount both months to the cost of water production at the time of billing. Jodi will follow up with the customer.
9. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2024-01, A Resolution Affirming Board Officers, and Signature Authority for Summit Bank. Jamie and Jodi met with the Summit Bank representatives and after a review of banking proposals are recommending switching from Key Bank to Summit Bank. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-01. Lou seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2024-02, A Resolution Extending the Professional Services Contract For Communications Plan Support to Consor. Jamie would like to extend the consultants contract to include designing an updated Consumer Confidence Report and helping with planning 75th anniversary activities. Lou Allocco moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-02. Jim McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be March 13, 2024.

Doug Keeler adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.