

November 3, 2023

Board of Commissioners and Budget Committee
Marcola Water District
PO Box 8, Springfield, OR 97477

Re: Background Information for the November 9, 2023 Board Meeting

REGULAR SESSION

The following is provided as background on regular agenda items for this month's meeting.

Minutes and Financial Reports. For our July 1 to October 31 year-to-date finances, this year we have received \$53,288 in revenue and had \$39,777 in expenses, as compared to \$49,216 in revenue (before any transfer from savings) and \$36,618 in expenses a year ago. The years are tracking similarly. We spent about \$3,000 more this year on service line replacements which we did not get to last year.

'Aging' Report. As of November 1 we again have \$0 that is past due at least 60 days! Some of the folks we did not think would pay last month came through.

Illegal Water Connection. The Lane County Circuit Court is hearing a probate case that involves the properties where water was shut off by the district due to non-payment, then water shared via hoses from one house to multiple trailers to circumvent our policies. We are monitoring the status of the case to determine which houses should be supplied water and who is responsible for payment of the bill.

Development Updates. The public comment period for the proposed coffee kiosk next to the post office closed on October 12. The application is waiting for review by Lane County Planning.

Leak Repairs. Honeybee Lane main replacement work is still pending and has not been scheduled yet. As mentioned before, we will need to work around school bus schedules.

UCMR 5. The US EPA has sent a reminder that a second round of samples for PFAS is due in November. We have provided the necessary information so we should receive sample bottles in the next week or so. We will collect the samples and return to the lab. EPA is paying for the shipping and actual testing cost, you are just covering the cost of taking the samples.

Backup Water Operator. The job announcement has been posted. A person that previously expressed interest to Jeff has not submitted an application yet. We are still hopeful.

Grant Applications. Our two requests for funding under SIPP and BIL have been received. I have received indication that we are recommended for SIPP funding for a financial analysis that would allow us to review water rates and the system development charges we impose on new developments, to make sure they are in line with the new master plan requirements. The official announcement should be out in time for the board meeting so I will be able to confirm. I am still waiting to hear about the BIL grant which would fund well studies and PFAS treatment for the Spicer Well.

Sincerely,

Jamie Porter, for Marcola Water District