

High Valley Water Company Minutes Annual Meeting March 28, 2023

Board Members present : Justin Rametta Meghan Newsome
Scott Houston Bryce Sacks Dave Maurer

Staff Members present: Karen Sawyer Andy Oyler
Additional persons: Tyler Roberts of Sunrise Engineering
Shareholders present: see list

Meeting opened at 7p.m.by President Scott Houston

Scott Houston gave an update to shareholders. He told shareholders that HVWC is in compliance with all county , state and federal water testing requirements. Annual Concurrency reports, Water Use reports, Water Rights report, Water Use Data and Consumer Confidence Reports were all submitted in a timely manner. The County Health Dept that oversees the Concurrency report has decided they will initiate a fee in the future, reversing their decision to have companies such as HVWC be exempted. Anticipated fee is \$750.00 annually

He spoke of the many hours of Board time spent on the infrastructure project in 2022. We have had to increase the amount of our loan from the Division of Drinking Water, mostly due to inflation and asphalt costs the engineers thought could be limited by using the shoulder of the roads, but, there is not sufficient room there. We are currently in the process of reapplying for additional funds. We are hopeful that we will receive the identical terms as previously given: roughly ½ of the requested funds will be in grant \$, at zero interest. We will see if they will also extend the loan from 20 to 30 years. The next meeting of the State Water Board is May 16, and we should know at that time their decision. We have signed on with Earthworks out of Salt Lake for the construction and they feel confident they can complete the project in 2023.

Andy Oyler spoke of various repairs to the system over the year. We had a number of mainline breaks. He reiterated that the system has many weak points and the new infrastructure project will address many issues. He feels the new lines will lead to reduction in the water loss we have from leaks in the system. The pressure reducing valves should help with line breaks in the lower part of the system.

Financials were reviewed .Karen talked about the need to meet the budgeted, fixed costs HVWC will incur with the loan and that 2022 was a trial year to see if we could raise the needed funds under the rate schedule we implemented in spring 2022. The answer was a resounding “no” and we will need to go back again and begin with a rate schedule that will cover all the costs of the loan. This new rate schedule will begin with the May billing as is shown below:

	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Cost/1000
Base Rate	0	20,000	\$140.00
Tier 1	20,000	25,000	\$15.00
Tier 2	25,000	30,000	\$20.00
Tier 3	30,000	35,000	\$25.00
Tier 4	35,000	40,000	\$30.00
Tier 5	40,000	9,999,999	\$35.00

Karen counted the proxies received. Eugene (Geno) Young was re-elected to the board and will serve out the one more year of Bryce Sack's term, and hopefully he will run for a full 3 year term in 2024.

A shareholder who lives on Highland Drive had concerns about spring flooding with the high snowpack and wondered if the water company would do anything about that, but the answer is basically that it is not a water company issue, but a county issue and the county has sandbags available to homeowners.

Adjourned at 8:15pm