

# DIAMOND "A" MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

## A California Non profit Mutual Benefit Corporation

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### MEETING NOTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024 MEETING

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The meeting was held at the Diamond A Recreation Center at 7:00pm pursuant to order of the Board of Directors acting by authority of the Corporation By-Laws.

1. **Determination of a Quorum.** Board members present were Dave Martinelli, Joe Lieber, Cecelia Schake, Ron Matteson, Patrick Treacy, & Jeff Jerome
2. Chris Coleman and Bill Espergren absent. The meeting was then started at 7:00 PM
3. **Staff present:**
  - a. Bill Angeloni, Manager
  - b. Dee Young, Accountant
4. **Welcome and introductions**
5. **Shareholders participating** were:
  - a. Wayne Schake
6. **Minutes from September 9, 2024, meeting** were approved unanimously.
7. **Operations (Bill):**
  - a. Jerry and Don's collected routine bacteriological samples plus samples from the new pipeline construction. Testing was by Brelje and Race Laboratory. All samples met the regulatory standards.
  - b. October 9th, Anderson Tree Service removed a dying tree at the White Oak tank site.
  - c. October 14 and 21 st, Well #3 did not perform as normal. It is working OK right now. I asked Jerry and Don's to monitor the well over this winter. They suggest that the pumps behavior might have been caused by cavitation.
  - d. October 30th, valve duty all day with contractor.
  - e. November 2nd, Ed Cooper's service line breaks. We do not get it repaired until Tuesday because of multiple problems. Tenants living in the home had water service from a water trailer provided by Jerry and Don's.
  - f. November 6th, Anderson Tree Service removes large branches from one side of a tree at White Oak, to keep the tree from breaking and to protect the neighboring property.
  - g. November 13th, open and close valves for pipeline contractor.
  - h. November 14th, water js off on Canyon as part of the new pipe is put in
  - i. November 15th, adjusted new Grove pressure reduction valve.
  - j. November 17th, checked pressure at Burk Place. Pressure changed from 185 psi. with the old regulator to 115 with the new regulator.
  - k. December 3rd, picked up materials for new service connection on Spring.
  - l. The Humboldt County earthquake showed up in the water surface readings in all 4 tanks.

## 8. Financial (Dave)

- a. See attached Power Point presentation
- b. The 2025 budget was approved unanimously.

## 9. Communications:

- a. DWR Grant. Joe and Patrick provided an update of the status of the project:
  - i. Most of the pipeline work is completed with the exception of the Viewcrest area
  - ii. The cross-country part of Viewcrest has encountered complications with avoiding impacts to a large existing oak tree. This has resulted in a change order to install ductile iron pipe above ground near the tree roots. We have hired a sub contractor to do this work.
  - iii. Rainy days have delayed construction progress.
  - iv. The largest remaining work will be repaving which will be reliant on appropriate weather (dry and not too cold). The contractor estimates it will take about 3-4 days.
- b. Back Up Power
  - i. This was covered by Bill's Operations Report above.

## 10. Open Discussion

- a. Ron asked the board if we should be notifying the community of issues delaying the pipeline project. The board agreed so Ron will get an email out.
- b. Ron also inquired about having hybrid meetings in the future (in-person & online). Ron agreed to work out the technological details to make this work smoothly at a reasonable cost.

## 11. Issues regarding water pressure near Canyon and unconventional water service on Grove Street

- a. **Bill Angeloni will draft a letter** to Jennifer Gillman regarding her concerns about water pressure impacting her plumbing.
- b. This issue regarding non-standard water service installation on Grove Street was considered. The board determined that any part of the service that was installed between the mainline and the meter will be handled by the water company. Anything between the meter and the residence is to be at the cost of the homeowner. This is the standard protocol for our company and most water companies. **The property owner will be billed for all work that was done between the meter and their house.** The work became much more complicated than anticipated due to unconventional pipe sizes.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Next meetings are as follows: March 30<sup>th</sup> (Annual Meeting) at 4 PM, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Diamond A Rec. Center & perhaps by Zoom.

Attachment: Dave Martinelli's Financial Power Point presentation

(Text in red is an action item)

Notes:

1. Postings on the Diamond A Ranch website (<http://diamondasonoma.com>) under Water Company/Board Postings include:
  - a. Quarterly and Annual Board Meeting Notifications, Agendas and Notes
  - b. News Letters
  - c. Annual Reports (financial information)
  - d. Annual Consumer Confidence Reports (results from State water testing program)
2. Members may obtain a copy of the posted information upon written request to Diamond A Municipal Water Company, PO Box 150, El Verano, CA 95433.

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