

DIAMOND “A” MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

A California Non profit Mutual Benefit Corporation

MEETING NOTES FOR JUNE 10, 2024 MEETING

The meeting was held at the Diamond A Recreation Center at 7:00pm and by Zoom 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 (by Zoom), Joe Lieber, Cecelia Schake, Peter Hohorst, Ron Matteson, Patrick Treacy, Chris Coleman (by Zoom), Bill Espegren (by Zoom) and Jeff Jerome. The meeting was then started at 7:12 PM
2. **Staff present:**
 - a. Bill Angeloni, Manager
 - b. Dee Young, Accountant
3. **Welcome and introductions**
4. **Shareholder participating** was:
 - a. Wayne Schake
5. **Minutes from March 24, 2024, meeting** were approved unanimously.
6. **Operations (Bill):**
 - a. Jerry and Don's collected bacteriological samples from the distribution system and the 4 wells. Testing was by Brelje and Race Laboratory and test samples met regulatory standards.
 - b. April 15th, pipe breaks between well 3 and the Sweet William tank. Repaired by Jerry and Don's. No one out of water.
 - c. April 29th, power out at well 4. PG&E repaired electrical equipment damaged by squirrels. No water outages.
 - d. April 30th and May 1st, cut up and chip very large dead oak tree on water company Kenleigh property. Work by James Grossi and Sons.
 - e. May 7th, install air vents on wells 1,3, and 4 as required by State Inspector. Well 2 will have a vent installed the next time the pump is pulled.
 - f. May 17th, meet with Greg Sitter of the North Bay Conservation Corps. Toured the system, and developed scope for this year's fire prevention work.
 - g. May 21-24, replace water line between wells 1 and 2. Work by James Grossi. Installed new meters at wells.
 - h. May 29th and June 3rd, dig holes along Canyon looking for a leak. No leak was found.

Water appears to be coming out of adjacent hill. Work by James Grossi.

- i. June 27th, North Bay Conservation Corps begins work.

7. Financial (Dave) See attached Power Point presentation

8. Communications:

- a. DWR Grant. Joe provided an update of the status of the project:
 - i. The project went out to bid on May 30, 2024
 - ii. There was a pre-bid meeting at the Diamond A Recreation Center on June 4th with only one prospective bidder attending (Argonaut Construction). However, there were at least two others that were showing interest. (This was not a mandatory meeting).
 - iii. Bid opening will be on June 20th at 2:00 PM at Brelje and Race's office in Santa Rosa
 - iv. The board will have a meeting on June 24th at 7:00 PM at the Diamond A Recreation Center to consider the bids and make recommendations regarding award if appropriate.
 - v. It is estimated that construction will begin in late July.
 - vi. Joe will produce newsletters updating the membership on the project with the first one to come out soon with introductions of our 3 new board members.
- b. Back Up Power (Ron)
 - i. A 45 KVA generator will be delivered to Well 4 on July 1 at 9 AM. Jeff Jerome will be there to receive it and Bill Angeloni will line up an electrician from JDY to connect and test.

9. Open Discussion

- a. Ron brought up the proposal to make Flume devices available to the membership at a low cost by obtaining an add-on to the DWR grant.
 - i. The option of having monitoring of the entire system was considered but overwhelming dropped for many reasons.
 - ii. Ron will submit a grant proposal to DWR for individual Flume devices to be installed by each member and monitored only by them. Ron will explore getting a grant to subsidize the purchase of Flume water monitors or at least the cost of setting up a volume purchasing agreement from Flume. There is no certainty that this will be approved by DWR. The intent would be to encourage our homeowners to self-monitor their water usage and, thereby, avoid undetected leaks. Water Company involvement with customer installations and support will be minimized.

Adjourned at 7:57 PM

Next meeting September 9, 2024 at 7 PM at the Diamond A Rec. Center and probably by Zoom as well.

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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