



Location: Cooke City Community Center  
Conference Room

Board Members in Attendance: Rick Sommers, Kay Whittle, Troy Wilson

Public Attendance: Dale Dempsey, Mike Hamilton

**Minutes taken by Kay Whittle.**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Rick Sommers.

Minutes were approved from July meeting; motion made by Troy, seconded by Kay.

Mike Hamilton reported that he had demolished one of his buildings and is currently being billed for 2 EDU's. He requested that the Board recognize the destruction of the building and change his billing to 1 EDU. Troy made a motion to change his water billing amount to 1 EDU beginning with the September 1, 2013 bill. Kay seconded the motion.

Monthly bills submitted by Marilyn for payment were approved and signed. The bills submitted for payment were all approved as follows:

Chk #2362 USPS - \$150.22 – 2 Certified postages & 3 rolls of stamps  
Chk #2363 Bridger Analytical Labs - \$28.00 – Sample Testing  
Chk #2364 Century Link - \$42.95 – August phone bill  
Chk #2365 Flathead Electric - \$1656.22 – July power bill  
Chk #2366 Lucas Jack - \$415.58 – August salary (less deductions)  
Chk #2367 Marilyn Hartley - \$679.97 – August (Water & Fire) salary ( less deductions)  
Chk #2368 Verizon Wireless - \$13.07 – July Cell Phone

The Board recognized a payment of \$100.00 cash that was paid by a large tour group of bicyclers. The payment was for filling their water truck while they were here over night. The payment was given to Kay and sent to Marilyn for deposit along with all of the other meeting material. It was agreed by the board that any outside entity needing our water, should pay something for it.

**Annexation;**

The board discussed the annexation process and the consensus is that it is an involved process and requires the water system to be working flawlessly, supplying adequate water to all existing users and all meters being read accurately for at least one year.

**Lucas;**

Lucas reported on his progress as follows:

He has been making phone calls to try and find someone to come and fix our well issue. Had no luck with Seimens, and Rob at Terrex was still not responding. It was agreed that if I hadn't found any leads by the next meeting that we would go with Seimens to fix us at their rate.

Was notified that Edens was ready for water, was told to get him water asap.

Meter work is progressing. He is still in need of a few items to get the last few meters going.

It was suggested by Kay, for better accuracy, that beginning with the current meeting he put together an "Operator's Statement", similar to the manner in which Marilyn does for the District Clerk position for each meeting. Lucas will be prepared to make the statement to the board at each meeting and email it to Marilyn following each meeting so it can be included in the monthly minutes. If Lucas is unable to be present at a meeting, he will email it prior to the meeting so Marilyn can insert it in the agenda.

Lucas asked about how he handles payment from water users. Rick confirmed that all billing must go through Marilyn. Lucas will submit the information to Marilyn and she will send a bill.

Allen Edens water hookup:

Matt last reported he would hook up the water on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Kay reported that Allen is ready and needing water. The Board is not sure of Matt's schedule, so Rick suggested Lucas temporarily run a hose to Allen's house. Lucas said he would do so and notify Marilyn when it is complete so she can begin billing him.

Clerk Update:

- 1) YERC issue – Things have settled for now. She told them to be sure to let us know when they have the unused hookups removed.
- 2) Long Distance – Nothing new from CenturyLink. She suggests using a calling card.
- 3) Bearclaw/Messenger issue – Nothing yet
- 4) Audit – She is close to being ready for them in couple of weeks
- 5) Quarterly & Annual reports She needs to finish RD annual report by end of this month
- 6) Parks @ CTA – Marilyn asked if he has communicated with anyone about future relationship
- 7) Election – A reminder for Kay and Matt to register by the deadline if they are running for their seats?

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hartley  
District Clerk

BOARD APPROVAL:

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**(Signatures on File)**

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