



COOKE CITY, PARK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2020

Location: Cooke City Fire Station Meeting Room (via Conference call)

Board Members Present: Deb Purvis, Troy Wilson, Rick Sommers & Brian Boyle, & Bill Whittle
Rob Vance, Operator

Public Present: Donna Rowland, Jessica Gregerson, Scott Aspenlieder, Engineer

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Scott asked questions to attempt to clarify the problem. He recommended running pumps #1 and #3 while opening the valve to see if the water stops running. Theoretically, the aquifer is plenty large enough to accommodate those wells.

Rob indicated that the Siemens programming part isn't functioning and says it has never worked.

Scott recommends the following:

- 1) Get the programming working. Pumps 1 & 3 should be providing all of the water for the winter months. Pump 2 should not be running at all in the winter months. Scott offered to help Rob contact them as Rob said they aren't responding for him. Scott will talk to Bruce Reeves at Dykman.
- 2) Check the pump flows for wells 1 & 3. Rob asked Rick to help him do that next week. Rick agreed if he is able to get away from the station. Rob will report back to Deb by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

The question was raised as to whether we need a new well with a flow rate that will match pump #2 for redundancy. Rick and Troy stated their concern that if pump 2 stops working, the demand in the summer months can't be met. Rick would like to drill a new well east of town.

Ultimately, it was decided that follow-up will be as follows:

- 1) Scott will call Red Tiger Drilling as well as the hydrologist to get their findings when they ran the pump tests to see if wells 1 & 3 are viable by Friday. He will report back to Deb on Monday.
- 2) Scott will get information about costs to drill a new well for the Board to consider.
- 3) If wells 1 & 3 are not viable, it doesn't make sense to spend District resources on the electronics/programming issues. If wells 1 and 3 are viable, we have more time to plan for and consider a new well.
- 4) Deb has contacted Mike Thom to see if the Forest Service would be amenable to discussing drilling a new well east of town, but he has not yet responded. She will follow up with him.

Deb reminded the Board that the Commissioners have stated that they want to see the District's rate structure in place. Their willingness to allocate future resort tax funds may be contingent on it.

Deb asked for public comment. Jessica asked if there is a log that Rob keeps to document the well issue(s).

Brian made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hartley
District Clerk

BOARD APPROVAL:

Deb Purvis, President

Kay Whittle, Vice President

Rick Sommers, Board Member

Troy Wilson, Board Member

Vacancy, Board Member

Date: _____