

KUSHLA WATER DISTRICT MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 27, 2015
Minutes

The 550th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kushla Water District was held at 4:00pm on Monday, July 27, 2015, at the Kushla Water District office, 6649 Highway 45, Eight Mile, Alabama.

CALL TO ORDER –

The Chairman, William Silver, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Members present were: Charlotte Lambert, Rev. Christopher Williams, Earl Hudson, Mattie Smith, Michael Robitzsch, Nathaniel Cotton and Tommy Vice. Non-members present were: Tom Galloway, Jr. and Lenora Clark

INVOCATION – was led by Rev. Christopher Williams.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS/REQUEST: Sam Wooley, Customer.

Mr. Wooley was invited to speak during the Pre Board Meeting prior to the beginning of the Board being called to order. He brought before the Board the situation he had with a leak caused by a line ‘exploding’ in his home resulting in a \$700 balance owed from September 6, 2014. Customer claims error with previous meter readings and asked for the 6 months where he overpaid to be adjusted and apply average to off set \$700 balance remaining owed. Mr. Silver said he will get the facts regarding his account, discuss about adjustment and advise him of the Board’s decision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on June 29, 2015 was approved by Charlotte Lambert. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Nathaniel Cotton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Web Report: Web Site Report given to Board Members

STANDING REPORTS –

Engineer (Jerry Luker) – Mr. Luker was not in attendance.

Attorney (Tom Galloway, Jr.) –

- Nothing going on to report.

Supervisor - (Daryl Taylor) Unable to attend meeting due to repair of leak in water line. Mr. Silver gave report.

- Pump reports were given to Board. Pumped 16.4 million gallons; sold 12.5 million gallons with 23.8% water loss.
- Several leaks this month. Mr. Silver reminded Board that we have an aging system and will continue to experience leaks in the future.

Secretary/Treasurer (Lenora Clark) –

- Profit and Loss report for June 2015 was given to the Board Members

Finance Committee Chairman (Earl Hudson) –

- No CD activity in June and will be 2016 before the next CD will mature.

Office Manager (James Todd) – Not in attendance at today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Water Users Committee re: Commercial and Churches/Non Profit Organization revisited by the Committee with assistance of Mr. Silver. Recommendations for approval by Board of Directors:
 1. That the Kushla Water District retains the present minimum rate on line sizes C1 – C4. (See Rev. 5/2014 - Water Use and New Service Rates list.) Increase overages on all C1 – C4 lines from \$3.25 per thousand gallons to \$3.50 per each thousand gallons.
 2. The Committee unanimously voted to deny a special rate for Non-Profit Organizations.

Motion to adopt #1 Recommendation: to increase overages on all C1 – C4 lines from \$3.25 per thousand gallons to \$3.50 per each thousand gallons, and that we do not to establish a Non-Profit Rate was made by Earl Hudson, seconded by Michael Robitzsch and unanimously approved by the Board. We will make effective with the August 2015 billing.

Michael Robitzsch passed out the report breaking sections between Residential and Commercial with Churches being classified as Commercial. It was determined that one church did not require a 2" meter. They are currently paying \$3.25: 0-24,000 will increase to \$3.50: over 24,000 gallons.

Multiple Connections: Effective with the August bills, once we have identified those customers with multiple connections, we will send letters notifying them of increase of \$12.50 per connection.

- Mr. Silver passed out the Water User's Agreement that the Rural Water recommends that all rural water systems use. We will review report and if in agreement, will vote to adopt for our System with the exception of item #9 at the next Board Meeting.
- Still working on purchase of new truck to replace truck #2 and declare truck #2 as surplus and put out for bids.
- Plans for the 401K plan for our employees have been set with Mr. Jack Rester, BankCorp South to begin with 1st pay period in October. Employee will put in 5% and Kushla Water will match at 4%.

Mr. Silver passed out the proposal from Goodwin, Cawood & Mills architects of our new office building. After review and much discussion a motion was made by Tommy Vice to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Architect Agreement for contract with Goodwin, Cawood & Mills. The motion was seconded by Nathaniel Cotton and unanimously approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Election of Officers – Nathaniel Cotton made the motion for officers to remain as is. The motion was seconded by Michael Robitzsch and unanimously approved by the Board. The officers, Mr. Silver, Chairman; Ms. Lambert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Hudson, Treasurer, have agreed to continue to serve in their position on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Nathaniel Cotton. The motion was seconded by Tommy Vice and unanimously approved by the Board.

I, Lenora G. Clark, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate report of the meeting of Kushla Water District Board of Directors held on July 27, 2015.

Lenora J. George, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved by the Board of Directors