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# Water District #5 Meeting, Add Board Members, Starting Fresh

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Public Water District #5 Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Debbie Robey on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

Present: David Cooper, Brandy Ross, Debbie Robey, Judy Geary, Doug O'Neal, and Dee Loflin (reporter for the ShowMe Times).

Absent: None

Motion made by Brandy Ross to appoint Doug O'Neal and Judy Geary to the Public Water District #5. Already serving on the board are David Cooper, and Debbie Robey. Seconded by David Cooper. Call for the vote all three said yes. The Water District #5 has a full active board.

Both new members signed an Oath of Office stating they were both citizens of the United States and a resident tax payer of Bloomfield Public Water District #5 in Stoddard County, in the State of Missouri and they support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Missouri and will abide by and uphold the code of Ethics of Bloomfield Public Water Supply District #5 and will faithfully perform the duties of the office to the best of their ability.

Debbie Robey made a motion to select Dave Cooper president of the Water District #5. Seconded by Brandy Ross. Call for the vote, all voted yes.

Debbie Robey made a motion to select Dough O'Neal Vice President. Brandy Ross seconded the motion. Call for the vote, all voted yes.

Doug O'Neal made the motion to select Debbie Robey Secretary. Dave Cooper seconded the motion. Call for the vote, all voted yes.

Brandy Ross is currently on the checking account. Motion made by Debby Robey to add David Cooper to the checking account at Southern Bank. Brandy Ross seconded the motion. Call for the vote, all were in favor.

Brandy Ross made a motion to add a third person to the checking account so that there can be two of the three people available at any time. She suggested Debbie Robey. Dave Cooper seconded the motion. Call for the vote, all were in favor.

Motion made to remove Steve Jordan, former Stoddard County Commissioner, from the checking account made by Dave Cooper. Seconded Brandy Ross. Call for the vote, all voted yes. Dave Cooper will take the minutes to the bank.

Bills to be paid:

GNC Supply \$250.00

Chrisman C-Mart - \$86.86

Novatech - \$27.37

MO One Call - \$61.25

Republic Trash - \$48.00

Justin Bell - Invoice -

Tyler Hyslop - Invoice -

Delbert - reads the meters - Payroll \$450

Electric Bill \$262.00

Motion to pay the outstanding bills as listed above made by Dave Cooper. Seconded by Debbie Robey. Call for the vote, all voted yes.

City of Bloomfield Water Invoice - Dated 9/27/22 for a total of \$26,331.72 They will be making payments as water bills are paid. Currently Water District #5 is purchasing water from city of Bloomfield.

Water Operator will be needed as soon as possible per the Department of Natural Resources as well as a Water Clerk.

Brandy Ross made a motion to put a Water Clerk ad out to the public. Seconded by Debbie Robey. Call for the vote, all voted yes.

They have a list of certified and bonded water operators they will contact.

Current Checking Account: As of 10/5/22 \$17,395.24 Another \$3,135.00 was deposited last week.

Dave Cooper will look at the By-Laws and begin an update to discuss at next meeting. Brandy Ross will get him a copy as soon as possible.

Other Discussion:

Total number of meters 270. Minimum amount \$34.32 per meter to service a residence.

Pumps are not working properly so they need to have them looked at so they are currently buying water from city of Bloomfield. In the month of September was \$10,351.09 for purchased water. They will need to get back on their own system as soon as they can, but the repairs have to be made. The previous board did submit some items equaling about \$34,000 + to the Stoddard County Commissioners for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Debbie Robey attended a recent Commissioner meeting and Presiding Commissioner Danny Talkington said if she got him the necessary receipts on a Thursday that the Commissioners would pay the Water District #5 the following Monday.

It was reported that they are losing 50 - 80% of water that they are either not billing to customers or due to broken lines on various county roads including, but not limited to County Roads 525, one near Nestle, and one one Country Road 504. They will get someone out there to look at those soon.

Brandy Ross will do the billing going forward until they can hire a clerk so that invoices will go out to the residents for their water bills.

Motion to adjourn made by Brandy Ross. Debbie seconded it 8:15 p.m. Call for the vote, all voted yes.

The next scheduled board meeting was to be held on Election day so they decided to move it to the day prior which will be on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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