

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
November 2020 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session November 17, 2020. Present were board members Diane Evans and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors:

The financial report – Diane Evans made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. Diane Evans made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

Old Business -

Tyler Howell reported that the Board now has a vehicle and he is going to build shelving for the back.

New Business -

Tyler Howell reported that Rob Shoaf came to the plant and the company he recommended to look over the issues at the plant. The company quoted \$2,000 for membrane cleaning and 55-gallon drum of anti-scalant. A month has went by since those visits and Tyler Howell does not feel the membrane cleaning will solve the issues. The hardness and iron is up in the system and residents are complaining of yellow water so an issue is brewing. An alarm was going off at the plant for low flow with the pre-filters being plugged. The pre filters typically last 3-4 months and they were replaced 6 weeks ago so they should not be plugged already. The suggestion was to take several samples around the plant at the well, sand filter, and RO to get a better understanding of what is causing the issues. The north well was cleaned in 2018 with a cost of \$10,000 and it may need cleaned again if that is causing the problem. There is a possibility that the sand filter needs cleaned out and the media needs replaced. At this point, more investigation needs to be done to figure out what is causing the high hardness and yellow water in the system. With the hardness level increasing it appears that the issue is coming from the well and if not resolved then that could cause other failures in the plant with things like the pumps. Rob Shoaf suggested pulling a membrane and seeing if weighs more than 50 pounds to see if they are damaged. One option could be to install more pre-filters at the plant. Tyler Howell will perform more investigation in the coming week and contact Jamison Well Drilling to get a quote for a well cleaning.

Tyler Howell feels that Wigen's needs to come back and look over things at the plant because they have not been back since the plant was built. The cost to have Wigen's come will be \$4,000 or if we wait until they are in Ohio then the cost will be decreased.

The Board needs to locate someone that could be backup at the plant with a water license. Doug Shawver has a name of someone that he will be contacting that has a water license to see if he would be backup at the plant. H2O in Marion is going to be contacted as well to see if they have an operator that could be backup.

236 Marsh Street was discussed because the owner would like water service and the property has been charged the base rate when there is actually no water line to the property. The Board agreed that per the rules and regulations the owner would need to pay the \$1,750 water tap fee because the property does not have a water tap. Once the tap fee is paid then all the assessments and fees will be removed.

A motion was made by Diane Evans to adjourn the meeting with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be December 21, 2019 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk