

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DECEMBER 2021 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session December 21, 2021. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Connie Kendall, Richard Holcomb, Oscar Holcomb, Craig Mescher, Lucas Sager, Toni Ford, and Thomas Ford.

The financial report – Dave Albert 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 Wigen's will not come to the plant without scheduling an official visit and they are estimating \$5,000-\$6,000 for a plant inspection.

Main surge has still not come in.

Old tower is down and the last time items that need addressed are the old tower footers and the dry vault issue.

Tyler Howell reported that the RO cleaning seemed to work to extend the life of the membranes so the Board would like to continue the process. The cleaning company suggested if the pressure is 20-25 psi higher than new the membranes should be cleaned. The ROs will need to be replaced before any changes can happen at the plant so the Board needs to be prepared for that expense.

Tyler Howell talked to Owens about the actuators and they were discontinued in 2013 and that's the issue with finding the part.

The two complaints that were received today Tyler flushed the hydrant in that resident's area. The concern with flushing the hydrant is moving the iron around the system and causing more issues.

New Business –

Tyler Howell addressed the visitors about the color in the water that residents are noticing. The Village had this same iron issue several years ago when a large break happened in town and a large amount of water was pumped. Recently the new water town filling took 400,000 gallons of water and the large amount of water was drawn from the aquifer then the high iron issues have returned. The current iron level is 1.2 parts per million and the typical iron levels are .3 parts per million. The toxic level of iron is at 20 parts per million so the Village is way below that the safe level. The plant can only filter so much iron out of the water and currently the plant is not sufficient to keep up with the high levels of iron that are coming from the aquifer. The board is looking at some options at the plant to filter the water differently to filter more of the iron out of the water. The Board discussed the unknown of why some residents are experiencing the issue and why other residents haven't had any discoloration.

Thomas Ford asked if the hydrant going in to Kiwanis Village driveway was in working condition and Tyler Howell reported that hydrant is not the Village's hydrant. The Village does have a working hydrant out by the road in front of Kiwanis Village.

A motion was made by Doug Shawver to enter into executive session @7:5pm with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed. Craig Mescher was invited to stay for the executive session.

A motion was made by Doug Shawver to leave executive session @8:15pm with a second by Diane Evans, motion passed.

Craig Mescher is going contact a representative to come look over the plant with the current issues and he has also spoke with Regional Planning and they believe there is money to help retrofit the plant. Mr. Mescher also suggested the board send a letter to the EPA asking why they approved the water plant from the start.

A motion was made by Diane Evans to replace 21 membranes in RO1 with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. The current estimate for membranes is \$511 per membrane and it will take 21 membranes to replace everything in RO1.

A motion was made by Dave Albert to set up a plant inspection with Wogens and a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

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 January 17, 2022 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk