

# ANGELL SPRINGS SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

March Meeting Minutes- ZOOM Recorded  
Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:00 a.m @ Springs Bldg

**Call to Order** - Karen Blenkinship called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call :**

**Present:** Chairman -Karen Blenkinship, Vice Chairman-Greg Maranto, Clerk- Jean Wojtyla ,Water & IT- Tony Hundal, Treasurer- Kenton Arbon, Water Master-Shawn Bain, CCC Administrator- Martin Mathis

**Visitors Present:** Riley Vane- Jones & DeMille Engineering & Lex Howard- Resident

## Visitors Presentation

**Riley discussed the various funding options available for the final phase of our 5 yr. plan.** Most immediate option available is through Rural Development, however it's a 75% Federal loan pay at 3% interest over 40 years with a grant amount of only 25%. The current cost estimate is \$1.26 million which means we would have to finance \$745K over 40 yrs. equaling \$42,800 per year and THAT IS NOT FEASIBLE for our no. of water users in the valley.

The Well Water Radium filtration system WESTECH -projected in Sunrise's plan estimate was the most expensive and high maintenance option that has now been determined NOT TO BE our best option.

Jones and DeMille Engineering is going to research two other filtration options for us. They are the IOX system (ion exchange- cheaper & less maintenance) ) and the WRT system (most simple operation - smallest footprint - no wastewater ) . Once we get those researched and estimated we may be able to bring down the \$1.26 million amount to a more manageable pay back amount.

Riley suggests that right now we should do the following:

- Apply for a SEARCH grant that **funds** the engineering survey and environmental report at approximately \$30K (necessary to get completed before a loan grant is applied for)
- Once we get the other 2 filtrations estimates and determine our best option, we will be able to discuss interim financing options with Rural Development
- Have Jones & Demille begin the Engineering report & Environmental Review once our SEARCH grant application has been approved.
- Have a Uranium test performed on our well water and send results to Riley

**\*\*Jean will apply for the SEARCH grant**

**\*\*Shawn will order the URANIUM test sample kit for analysis.**

**\*\*Riley / Karen to obtain & report on 2 other radium filtration estimates**

## Vote on Feb 17th Meeting Minutes

Tony motioned to approve the minutes from Feb. 17th, 2024 meeting. Greg Seconded it. Board Voted: Karen- Yes, Greg - Yes, Kenton- Yes, Jean- Yes, Tony - Yes. Motion carried.

## Old Business Action Items: from 3/16/24 **\*\*Action Items** **Completed Items** **Future Priority**

### 1. Accomplishments made in March

- Karen returned the broken pump motor to Scholzen's RGA# UI-W1388 filed. She purchased another one for backup and once the Return is credited we will get our money back. **\*\*Karen will report once the credit has been issued.**
- Greg reported that once Sam from T4 comes out next we will have him look at addtl. cost effective backup devices for our solar panel currently in place at the top of our water tank. **\*\*Greg will work with Sam on this in the future.**
- Martin is still working on his proposed outline for Cross Connection inspections. **\*\*Jean offered to lay out the spreadsheet format once Marty provides his projected plan.**
- Jean presented the metal signs for Angell Springs address & No Trespassing signs (4 ea) to the board. **\*\*Shawn will wire the signs for posting in the appropriate areas.**
- Jean reviewed the incident of our Collar Valve and Hydrant Pad being installed before we made the winner announcement of this project. Both bids were comparable. Mtn. West completed the project. **\*\*Shawn to inspect the services rendered to see if it meets his satisfaction before payment of \$1,650.00 is made.**

- Jean also reviewed the Raise Meter project bid results that were previously voted on by the board on 2/28/24. We hired Acera to complete this project since their pricing was ½ of Mtn. West Mechanical's. Shawn said that James from Acera forgot to add the Yoke pieces to his quote. It was determined that even that additional amount will favor his bid to Mountain West's.  
**\*\* Acera completed this project and invoiced us \$13,320.00 on 3/24/24**

**2. Tony reported on March's water production-** We definitely have increased usage even in the low usage months due to our increased number of occupied homes. **\*\* Tony will provide this usage each month.**

**3. Greg reported on our Solar Panel output** in correlation to our Rocky Mtn. Power bill. One of the meters that assesses the power produced became disconnected. We had to hire HedgeHog Electric to fix it for a nominal fee.  
**\*\* All is working properly again.**

**4. Kenton presented our financials from March** . All on track with budget. Kenton is working with the state to get an extension on our audits due to the need for reissuing a PIN# for login. **\*\* Kent will provide these financial reports each month and keep us abreast of the audit progression.**

**5. Jean reported that we had 3 Late Fees last month.** Two of them have been paid in full. **\*\* Jean will provide Aging report each month.**

**6. Karen's information was emailed to Rakell from USDA for Level 2 Authentication to be implemented in the grant request process.** **\*\* Karen now has Level 2 Authentication**

**7. Jean reviewed the copy of our draft “ Privacy Policy Statement” with the board.** This draft was sent to the state on March 13th for review. **\*\* Our policy was noted as acceptable and formally filed with the state on 3/21/24**

### New Business Items:

**1. Karen** reminded the board of our next scheduled meeting for Saturday **4/20/24 at 9 a.m..**

**2. Karen requested a motion to Adjourn the meeting.** Kenton made a motion to adjourn. Jean Seconded it. Board Voted: Karen- Yes, Jean- Yes, Kenton- Yes Tony - Yes, Greg - Yes. Motion carried.  
**Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.**