

Bluff Water Works Special Service District

Meeting Minutes for Dec 4, 2024

- **Called the Public Hearing for Rate increase to order: 6:04**
- **In attendance:** Marx Powell, Brandt Hart, Steve Simpson, Amer Tume, Jennifer Davila
- **Absent:** Benny Musselman, Mike Yearous
- **Audience:** Ann Leppenen, Britt Hornsby, Linda Sosa Luann Hook, Robert Rossel, Kathleen Pakish, Erin Nelson
- **Discussion for the proposed rate increase**
 - **See the proposed rate increases attachment**
 - The board is looking at a 20% increase or a 40% increase. This increase is necessary because there is not enough revenue coming in to cover current expenses to manage the system
 - A 40% increase would allow for a slight cushion for emergencies and increases of expenses.
 - Luann Hook pointed out that the last rate increase took place in 2012 and if you average out the proposed 40% increase, it would be about 3% a year.
- Simpson motions to adjourn the public hearing
 - Hart seconds
 - Motion passes unanimously
- **Call the budget hearing to order at 6:26**
 - **Attendance:** Marx Powell, Brandt Hart, Steve Simpson, Amer Tume, Jennifer Davila
 - **Absent:** Benny Musselman, Mike Yearous
 - **Audience:** Ann Leppenen, Britt Hornsby, Linda Sosa Luann Hook, Robert Rossel, Kathleen Pakish, Erin Nelson
 - **See the attached budget proposals**
 - Simpson Motions to approve the 2025 budget (2) with the 40% increase.
 - Hart seconds
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Simpson Motion to Adjourn
- **Call to order regular meeting: 6:37**
- **In attendance:** Marx Powell, Brandt Hart, Steve Simpson, Amer Tume, Jennifer Davila
- **Absent:** Benny Musselman, Mike Yearous
- **Audience:** Ann Leppenen, Britt Hornsby, Linda Sosa Luann Hook, Robert Rossel, Kathleen Pakish, Erin Nelson
- **Approval of minutes:**
 - Simpson motions to accept minutes with edits (change to La Grand Bitters)
 - Hart seconds the motion
 - Motion passes unanimously
- **Community Input:**

- Leppenen stated that as a resident she felt the water increase was appropriate
- Nelson also voiced that it was an appropriate level for increase
- Hook asked about whether it would be good to move savings into a PTIF fund
- **Culinary Water:**
 - Powell: The tests came back good, we just sent 4th quarter arsenic tests today. Everything is on track sample wise. The PH has kind of gone up because of the winter use. So the plant is using more chemical to balance.
 - Simpson asked about the possibility of “recasing” the Bar Well. Powell explained that if we recased the well, the casing diameter would be too small to run a 5 hp pump into the well. A smaller pump wouldn’t produced enough pressure to get the water into the water lines.
- **Unfinished Business:**
- **Water Meter Applications:** Nothing to report
- **Meter Report:**
 - Nothing new to report
- **Update on QED on a strategic plan for BWW**
 - The meeting minutes will be posted on the UPN meeting
- **Bills to Pay: See Treasures Report**
 - Hart motions to pay the bills
 - Tumeh seconds the motion.
 - Motion passes unanimously
- **Elect the officers for the year 2025**
 - Hart motions that keep the board the same
 - Powell Chairperson
 - Tumeh Vice Chairperson
 - Simpson Clerk
 - Hart motions
 - Tumeh seconds
 - Passes unanimously
- **Nomination of the 2025 BWW Board members**
 - Powell: nominated Steve Simpson, Brandt Hart and Mike Yearus to continue to serve on the BWW Special Service District board
 - Tumeh seconds the motion
 - Motion passes unanimously
- **Set Dates for 2025 BWW meetings**
 - Simpson motions the meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Those dates are as follows
 - Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 8, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14 2026.
 - Hart seconds the motion
 - Motion passes unanimously
- **Other:**

- Hook thanked the board for not using Chlomite instead of Chlorine and wondered if it were possible to test specifically for PFAFs
- **Next meeting:** Jan 8th, 2025
- **Meeting adjourned:** 7:16