

Hoback Water and Sewer District  
Board Meeting  
January 10, 2024  
1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Bob Frodeman  
Marty Camino  
Trevor Robinson  
Chris Jaubert  
Austin Sessions

Guests Present

Rod Lewis

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Bob Frodeman, Chair.

Marty moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Austin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Chair's Report

Recent Press - Bob discussed the Buckrail article that was published on January 2, 2024.

<https://buckrail.com/hoback-junction-water-analysis-aims-to-cut-nitrate-levels/>

The general consensus was that the article is well written, and continues to raise awareness about water quality issues in Hoback.

Level 2 - The easement is being negotiated for the Rah Rah site, which is Andrew Byron's property. Lane Lamure has approved a \$14,000 cost for a drilling truck to come up and test the site. There was a question of whether we should do this before we have an executed easement. Bob and Lane decided we were close enough to a deal that we should move forward.

\$150,000 is the estimated easement cost for a 150,000 gallon tank. Depending on appraisal and assessment, it could be more or less.

When Nelson Engineering submits the level 2, it will include different options including whether the district wants domestic water supply only or also fire suppression? Currently the southernmost hydrant is at Munger Mtn (Weed and Pest).

There was discussion about “over building” the system in case we later expand the district, want to meet other needs such as fire suppression, and other considerations.

We are waiting for the report on the infiltration gallery. Initial expectation is both sites will be viable - The County site is better, Lewis site is slightly worse but still usable.

Water Deliveries - Total cost in 2023 was \$45k. 33 households were getting deliveries. Community Foundation of JH covered \$30k and Protect Our Water JH covered \$15k. Something would need to change for this to continue. Bob’s opinion is it is in our advantage to continue the deliveries. Also politically it helps that we have the optics of these deliveries continuing. This can be positioned as a temporary solution until a more permanent solution can be found. Bob suggests sending a newsletter to members of the district about why this matters and who has been providing this service. Opportunity for POW and this board to get some credit and earn some political capital. Up to 4 jugs per month for free, 2 per week. Goal in the future would be to expand deliveries but there are no immediate plans.

Bob asked for the board’s endorsement to sign a letter to support this POW’s application to the conservation district to cover some or all expenses related to water delivery moving forward. A match of funds is required.

Bylaws - Some sample bylaws were shared with board members. Len Carlman is prepared to assist in drafting bylaws for this district. Suggestion is to start with a basic approach. Mark Pepper has identified some state statutes that need to be adhered to. Bob proposes forming a subcommittee to tackle this project. Bob proposes two people start the draft. Austin volunteered to start a draft and then share it with the board at the February meeting.

#### Other Business

Scheduling - There was discussion around the board’s meeting time which is the second Wednesday of each month but has been a moving target. Meeting dates for the next 4-6 months will be published before the next meeting in an effort to identify conflicts earlier.

Austin moved to adjourn. Chris seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm.