

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
of the Board of Directors of  
Crestview Mutual Water Company  
October 28, 2021

**Convened Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Sol Chooljian on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

**Attendance and Quorum**

Directors Present: Sol Chooljian –President  
Roger Whitlock – Vice President / Secretary  
Doug Off – Treasurer  
Alma Quezada – Director  
Laurie Bennett - Director

Directors Absent: None

Staff/Counsel Present: Robert Eranio – Consulting General Manager  
Lauri Marino – Office Manager  
Gregory Patterson – Corporate Counsel: Musick, Peeler & Garrett

**Shareholder’s Public Forum**

Roger Chittum, Christine Cohen, The FMH Trust, Mike Rolls and Craig Reston were present to observe the meeting. A comment was received that too much discussion is held in Executive Session, and that it is in violation of the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act. This issue is under advisement with Corporate Counsel. Greg Patterson stated that he was approached in person by Peter Goldenring and was asked if he could accept service of complaint; Mr. Patterson responded that he would seek direction from the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the status of a location for Well #7, decibel limits during the drilling of Well #8, and the possible remediation of Well #4.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting were presented. On a motion made by Doug Off and seconded by Alma Quezada, the Board unanimously approved the following:

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of September 29, 2021 be accepted as amended.

The minutes of the Executive Session of the meeting of September 29, 2021 were presented. On a motion made by Laurie Bennett and seconded by Alma Quezada, the Board unanimously approved the following:

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the Executive Session of the meeting of the Board of Directors of September 29, 2021 be accepted as presented.

### **Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Draft Budget**

Crestview's pumping allocation has been set by the Fox Canyon GMA to 747.663 acre-feet per year, although approximately 350 AcFt will be budgeted due to lack of production from Well #4. Discussion ensued regarding how much unpumped allocation can be banked and for how long. Staff presented various rate and allocation scenarios for the Board's consideration. Discussion ensued; the Board directed Staff to update the budget model to have the rate increases be as equitable as possible among high, average, and low water users. Probable mandatory water use restrictions set forth by the State were discussed. The Board can make mid-year budget adjustments, if necessary, in an emergency situation. Sol Chooljian asked all Board Members to provide feedback to Staff in time for the Final Draft Budget presentation at the next Board meeting.

### **Hopkins Report – Well #4**

At the Board of Supervisor's hearing, Kelly Long stated that she received multiple comments regarding drilling Well #4 deeper. Crestview Staff engaged Curtis Hopkins to advise if this is feasible. Hopkins reported that the well cannot be drilled deeper, but the pump could possibly be lowered. Two pump companies were contacted for a quote. There are concerns about the well column moving and if there is clearance on the sides within the column. The air tubing needs repair, and there are concerns regarding water quality if the pump is lowered. Considerable discussion ensued.

### **General Manager's Report**

Well #6 – Robert Eranio reported that Crestview has been importing water since August 15, 2021 and expects Well #6 will go back into service in late October. Robert reported that system demands are close to 800,000 gallons per day. Discussion ensued about aquifer recharge; Robert stated that recharge is a factor of United Water sending water to their spreading grounds, and if the Ventura River is flowing.

Drought Planning – Robert Eranio reported that there is a serious supply shortage in the Sacramento Delta. Crestview needs to start preparing now for allocation reductions and possibly a prohibition on outdoor landscape irrigation. More will be known in early 2022 regarding mandatory conservation measures. Discussion ensued.

**Monthly Financial Review**

Doug Off reported on the sound financial state of the Company. Assets year to date are lower than the same period last fiscal year, and cash reserves are lower due to the need to import water.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Doug Off, seconded by Roger Whitlock, approved unanimously, the regular meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting**


Board members will be polled to set the date for the November meeting of the Board of Directors.

Submitted by,

  
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Lauri Marino, Office Manager

Approved by,

  
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Roger Whitlock, Vice President / Secretary

  
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Sol Chooljian, President