

## SKY-HI Water Improvement District

## Board of Director's Meeting, January 2, 2018 Minutes

Chairman call to order: 10:25. In attendance: B. Lucas, S. Rodriguez, B. Bro (on Skype), R. Inman. Public: N. Whittle (presenter from Rural Water Assoc. Az).

Call to the Public: None. Chairman Lucas introduced Neil Whittle.

Approval of 10/5/17 Board minutes. Chairman reviewed major items. Motion to approve RI, Second BB, carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**: Treasurer (M. Williams) absent. No formal report. Chairman Lucas gave a short summary of financials (overall financial resources and final costs for pump house improvements, ~\$36k).

**Water Woks Report**: B. Bro reports no outstanding issues, smooth operations. Barry reports a loss of their electrical consultant, and need for a skilled replacement. Water leakage under 15% which is acceptable. Board needs current leakage report from Barry.

**Administration**: S. Rodriguez reports beginnings of a newsletter, needing additional articles. Discussion concerning a public meeting (open house) this year to inform the user community.

**Chairman Report:** Introduction of Neil Whittle (Rural Water Assoc. Az). Chairman Lucas summarized the many co-operative opportunities that joining the Association may bring our water district.

Some of the advantages of joining the Assoc.: Networking with other water districts with similar situations. Help with resource-depleted districts. Loans & grants. Help using ADEQ, EPA, Rural Development, financial mgmt., water board training, OSHA compliance training, electrical systems, etc. Education up to graduate-level portable and waste water operator certifications (through Calif. State U. Sacramento) at four levels of water operator licensing. Operator levels discussed. Our identity is our Public Water System (PWS) ID# 09-

Membership in the Assoc. is based upon user connections (\$.55/per) plus \$154/yr. Our present user count is 145 connections. Website is: rwaa.info.

Short discussion of scenarios if Barry is lost. Bill Bro will meet and discuss. THANKS NEIL!

Chairman led discussion for the District's 2018 objectives: current newsletter, present an "open house" this summer to showcase our 'new' pump house and current state of operations, including; Barry presentation, posters, proactive conservation measures, etc.