

Board of Water Commissioners

2021 Annual Report

The Board elected Mike Corda, Chairman of the Board. Appointed were Wendy Graves as Treasurer and Mary Bassett as District Counsel.

1. The Board took steps to facilitate a transition plan as Manager Matthew Pearson, gets closer to retirement. The Board voted in December to renew Mr. Pearson's contract as Business Manger, a new title. They also came to an agreement with David Erickson to retain his position as Water Superintendent for the operations of the water system. New job descriptions were create for three positions, Business manager, Office manager and Water Superintendent. These three roles will define the direction of the District and its continued success in supplying affordable water to the District community.
2. The Board reviewed and updated both the District Rules and Regulations and the Personnel Rules and Regulations, With the new transition plan changes to both of these documents were required to define the new positions and roles of management.
3. The Board reviewed and updated the District fees and fee table. It has been many years since the fees were reviewed and updated. These new fess are on the District website.
4. The Board has been very concerned with the EPA's and State's testing requirements for PFAS chemicals. These chemicals are being tested in the "parts per trillion" and if found over he maximum contaminant levels will require very expensive treatment. Treatment could cost between 4-8 million dollars per well. At the present time testing has shown our wells to be below the levels required for treatment.
5. The Board has reviewed the Solar Credits that have accrued since the solar farm on Follette street was installed ten years ago. At present the District has a surplus credit of over \$190,000, The Board decided not to sell those credits at this time, but to hold onto them for future electrical consumption demands.
6. The Board acquired the services of Scanlon & Associates to perform a financial audit of the District finances and procedures. This audit is completed annually consistent with sound financial practice and in conformance with State and Federal requirements.
7. The Board is pleased to announce that the replacement of the Worcester Street pumping station building and infrastructure is complete and was finished within budget. The budgeted project cost was \$2,500,000
8. The Board has funded an additional \$50,000 into the "Other Post Employee Benefits" trust fund. The OPEB Trust committee continues to manage the "Trust Fund" and has realized a positive return on the investment. At the present time the District has funded 90% of the fund.
9. The Board wishes to thank the staff of the Water District for operating the water system and maintaining it in great condition and continuing to provide safe dependable water to our customers.

Michael Corda, Commissioner
Ken Grew, Commissioner
Robert Frederico, Commissioner