## ARISTOCRAT RANCHETTE WATER PROJECT, INC. MONTHLY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: President: Anita Owens, Vice President Esta Langlais, Directors: Wayne Morrow, Taw Tamlin, JoDee Shultz-Hancock and Paul Echternacht were present. Hurshell Malone was absent. Also, in attendance: Attorney John Dent, members Lori Adams, Diane Gray, Earl Krouse, Lee Hatch, Gabby Ramirez and Gabe Saucedo, and Ben Hansford.

It was determined that there were enough board members present to have a quorum.

A motion was made by Esta Langlaise to approve the presented agenda. This motion was seconded by Taw Tamlin. This motion passed.

A motion was made by Wayne Morrow to accept the Reading and Disposal of any unapproved minutes. This motion was seconded by Esta Langlaise. This motion passed.

Questions on the Financial Report/Presentation of Bills brought up by Paul Echternacht were answered. A P&L and Balance Sheet were introduced. The BoD agreed that the goal was to achieve GAAP Compliance. Motions were made to accept the use of the P&L and Balance Sheets in the future. P&L motion was made by Taw Tamlin and seconded by Paul Echternacht. Balance Sheet motion was made by Taw Tamlin and seconded by Paul Echternacht. Both motions passed.

A motion was made by Wayne Morrow to accept the financial report. This motion was seconded by JoDee Shultz-Hancock. This motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Member, former BoD member and former President of the BoD Ben Hansford spoke at length addressing the BoD in the role of a mediator to help dissipate the growing friction taking place in the organization. Ben addressed each BoD member with the question; "Why are you on the Board?" Each BoD member responding as to their individual reasons for joining. Ben gave a brief history lesson of ARWP, Inc. Administrator Brian Filkowski was described as doing a good job, not without mistakes, and at times somewhat thinned skinned when dealing with some actions of BoD members. Basic Non-Profit Board of Directors responsibilities were discussed. Rules of how meetings should be run were laid out and it was agreed that Roberts Rules should be adhered to. President, Anita Owens made it clear she did not like controversy. Ben Hansford Made it clear that one bad blueberry was enough to ruin the whole box and warned the BoD

about allowing this to happen. Ben Hansford summarized his role at the meeting as an attempt to help the organization get back on course, get people back to working together again, and to be cautious moving forward. His rate hike recommendation was that the base rate be raised by no more than \$5-10 dollars a month.

As a result of Ben Hansford's input, Anita Owens resigned her position as President. JoDee Shultz-Hancock made a motion to nominate Wayne Morrow as the interim President until the next election in June. This motion was seconded by Taw Tamlin. By unanimous vote of the BoD, Wayne Morrow was elected, and accepted, the role of President. Ben Hansford was thanked for his contribution at the meeting and he excused himself from the meeting. Wayne discussed the need for structure and leadership reminding the BoD members that the President runs the meeting and cannot make motions, voting only in a tie breaking situation. All present agreed that Ben Hansford helped move the organization over a considerable hurdle and welcomed the change. The Treasurer vacancy was not filled, and it was decided that this subject would be discussed at a later meeting. This motion was made by Esta Langlaise and seconded by JoDee Shultz-Hancock. This motion passed. The bookkeeping question was referred to the answer given earlier. There were no double payments made. Wayne Morrow gave a very brief description of the meeting with Northern Water. The gist of the meeting was that most likely it would be determined that the sale of additional water taps would be possible. Details would be forth coming as the appropriate contract professionals were consulted with further.

Prior to **OLD BUSINESS**, members from the audience were heard from. Comments included the need for transparency from the BoD. It was announced that the arwpco.com web site would go live in mid-January and information would start flowing to the community members. Including meeting minutes, agenda, and financial information. Online bill pay options would be started, and CDPHE disclosure rules would be followed as required. The need for more involvement from the membership was identified and agreed to. Any good question should be able to be put on the agenda of BoD meetings. Members expect that BoD members act with civility and professionalism. Members were reminded of the fact that they are welcome to attend meetings and that there were rules to follow.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The holiday schedule was discussed.

## ADJOURMENT:

With no further business a motion was made by Taw Tamlin to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Paul Echternacht. This motion passed.

SUBMITTED:

Brian Filkowski Man W. System Administrator/Secretary

APPROVED:

President Wayne Morrow



