



Rockville Pipeline Company

Annual Shareholders Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2022, @ 6:00 PM

Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM after connection information had to be resent to all shareholders email addresses. This Zoom meeting is in lieu of the regular annual shareholders meeting. With public health considerations in mind, we are suspending the bylaws and rules for the meeting. Attending: Rob Snyder (President), Penny Walker, and Zac Martin as Board Members. Karen Crawford (clerical) and Ken Rybkiewicz (Water Master) were unable to connect. Tony Ballard and Pete Mortensen were excused. Seven shareholders joined the online meeting, and 32 proxies were submitted.

Agenda item #1 - Minutes

- The board approved the 2021 minutes.

Agenda item #2 – Renewal of Board Member Appointments

- The board voted unanimously to renew the appointments of Tony Ballard and Zac Martin through December 2024.

Agenda item #3 – Water Use Report

- Much of the town is conserving water while several users seem to be wasting 1000's of gallons per day.
- 10% to 20% loss is not uncommon in drinking water systems but the 29% we measured last year seems excessive. We will be watching for leaks, however, please advise us if you notice surface water in unexpected locations.
- We purchased **1,548,922** gallons from Springdale in 2021 for a cost of \$8,689.33, substantially lower than 2020.

Agenda item #4 – System Report

- The well is currently flowing good at about 40 gpm.
- We are waiting for a communication cable for the tank level system which tells the well pump to turn off when the tanks are full and turn back on after the level drops a few feet (tanks are 15 feet deep). We are currently turning the pumps on or off manually after physically checking the depth of the tanks. It's been about once a week on and off for the last couple months. Repairs should be completed by the end of April.
- We have repaired line breaks at or near a few different meters. Currently there is a fire hydrant that has a leak that surfaced at about 500 East Main. We have turned off the valve to the meter, covered the hydrant and are waiting on parts to make repairs.
- Cross connection education – Cross connection concerns were discussed, and handouts explained.

Agenda item #5 – Financial Statement

- 2021 was a much better year due to last year’s rate increase for the highest users and limiting major projects. Our account went from \$8254.73 at the beginning of the year to \$37,756.81 at the end. However, we are still without our \$40K CD rainy day fund which was spent in 2020.
- Monthly Billing: was very successful last year and will be continued. This seems to have the effect of helping customers keep track of their water use.

Agenda item #5 – Proposed Rate Increase

- Water Conservation: We are still in a serious drought and need to conserve and reduce outdoor watering with culinary water.
- **There is a proposed base rate increase for use up to 5000 gallons per month to \$22.**
- The board voted unanimously to approve the proposed rate structure.

Rate Increase Beginning April 2022

Rate structure, approved by the board:

0	–	5000	\$22.00/ base rate
5000	–	15000	\$4.00/ thousand gallons
15000	–	30000	\$8.00/ thousand gallons
30000	–	50000	\$15.00/ thousand gallons
Over		50000	\$15.00/ thousand gallons

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.