

**Sallal Water Association
RDA Loan Special Member Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

The special member meeting of the Sallal Water Association was called to order on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm by Ms. Baker. This meeting was held online using Zoom due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Board members present: Daylin Baker, Eric O'Brien, Ann Reed, Larry Costello, Shawn McKone, and Joyce Hibma

Consultants present: Richard Jonson, Attorney; Warren Perkins, Engineer

Employees present: Ted Stonebridge, General Manager; Lisa Hagen, Utility Customer Administrator

Guests present: Michael Thomas, Jean Buckner

Presentations:

Project Information: Mr. Perkins gave a presentation of the three projects that would be covered by the loan: Well 4, Reservoir, and Office/Shop projects. The presentation was followed by a question and answer opportunity.

Mr. Thomas asked about the reservoir and the use of the storage water. Mr. Perkins answered that Sallal is short on water storage and it was needed to cover emergencies and fire suppression needs. This shortage was noted in our new Water System Plan. It will not be used for North Bend mitigation needs. Mr. Thomas also asked if we knew where the ground water flowed for Well 4, into which watershed. Mr. Perkins answered that no study was made for Well 4 as it is located between Well 1 and 2 at the same elevation. It is therefore assumed to use the same aquifer.

Ms. Buckner requested that future member meetings providing information prior to a vote be scheduled ahead of time so members have the information before the ballots are due. There was no information posted on the website on how to join the Zoom meeting. She also noted that she is in favor of the well and reservoir projects, but not the office/shop.

Financial Information: Mr. Costello presented the financial requirements of the loan as well as the loan amounts for each project. He explained that Sallal needs to invest funds of our own as well as short and long term reserves to receive the loan. The projected added cost to members would be about \$9 per month, rather than about \$17 a month if we used a conventional loan.

Ms. Buckner again noted she was not in favor of the office/shop project.

No additional questions were made.

Call for the vote count:

Last call for votes was made by Ms. Baker at 7:30 pm. Ms. Baker then called for the vote count from Ms. Hagen.

Ms. Hagen reported 270 ballots were received by mail, drop box, and one from the Zoom meeting. Of those ballots, 268 were valid, having received two with no signatures. Sallal received 236 yes votes approving the loan, and 32 no votes rejecting the loan.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:34 pm was made by Mr. Costello, and seconded by Mr. McKone. Motion passed.

Submitted by: Ann Reed, Board of Trustees Secretary