

**2024 Highway 41 Water Utility
Annual General Meeting
RM of Aberdeen Office
June 18, 2024**

Rene Labrecque called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Opening comments by Rene Labrecque, Board Chair.

Rene Labrecque presented the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes.

***Kim Huffman** moved adoption of the agenda, second by **Martin Bettker**; carried.*

Rene Labrecque introduced all those sitting at the head table:

Graham White (H41WU), Christine Meachem (Administrator – H41WU), Dale Cousin (H41WU), Rochelle Blocka (H41WU), Mark Schaffel (H41WU), Blaine Tomolak (Maintenance Operator – H41WU), Wilma Marissen – Administrator Assistant.

Attendance: Martin Bettker, Kim Huffman, Dave Tamney, Ken Kruger

Rene Labrecque spoke about the staff and their hard work over the past year.

Resolution Committee: A person to be in charge if there are any resolutions to be made, **Graham White** volunteered.

Christine Meachem read the minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

- Questions arising from the minutes: none.

***Dale Cousin** moved adoption of the amended minutes, second by **Graham White**; carried.*

Christine Meachem read the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements as prepared by Devin Berger, CPA of Jensen Stromberg Chartered Professional Accountants. Our financial position has been quite stable and relatively unchanged.

- Questions arising from the financials: none.

***Dale Cousin** moved adoption of the Auditor's report, second by **Rochelle Blocka**; carried.*

2023 Year in Review by Rene Labrecque

- Rene Labrecque gave a report from 2023 at a glance
- 2 people trained by Blaine Tomolak are testing water on weekends so that he can have some time off.
- Board is mandated to monitor the water testing every month at each board meeting.

- There was an increase in water rates last year. The City of Saskatoon increased their rates by 5%, SaskWater by 4%, and Hwy 41 Water Utility by 3%. 70% of water sold runs through subscriber households. The remaining is purchased from the 3 Truckfills.
- Fees per 1000 gallons were \$23.46 last year and now they are \$26.50. Truckfill prices were \$24.48 and are now at \$27.70/1000 gallons.
- Revenue for 2023 was \$513,349.42 in subscriber sales and \$149,131.96 in truckfill sales.
- We have 560 curbstops, 464 being used by subscribers. There were three new infills in 2023, and three new connections.
- There was a safety program implementation. Mark Schaffel moved into the position of safety officer. A safety manual was written and followed.
- The Dodge truck had many mechanical issues and costly repairs in 2023, therefore, the Board decided to purchase a new truck. It is a smaller truck with better gas mileage.
- Glenmaur and Laniwci Truckfills were upgraded from 3 to 5 horsepower pumps (120 to 240 Gallons per minute). Lineups could be long at these stations and so the upgrade has improved customer wait times. (Nearly 50% faster) The cost of the pump upgrades was funded by 5 Farm Pilot Projects - for every ½ gallon increase to the customer they paid \$3000.00.
- There was an upgrade at the Bergheim Truckfill. A 3" line was added on the east side of the building. One acre of land was purchased at the pumphouse from Connie Jabusch. The project is complete and working well. Our Board member, Dale Cousin, who works at the City of Saskatoon Water Treatment plant, was instrumental in the computer and electrical components of the project. 2 outside tanks were also added at Bergheim.
- Blaine Tomolak gave a short powerpoint presentation on the Bergheim project.
 - Land grooming, rock removal, pad development, building a stanchion and bollards, and adding 2 new tanks were all part of the project. Rene Labrecque was instrumental in this part of the project which also helped lower costs.
 - Original estimate of project was \$107,000 which increased to \$116,000 due to the increase of equipment and construction costs.
 - Blaine Tomolak has received phone calls thanking the water utility for speeding up the truckfills, therefore, reducing customer wait times.
- Rene Labrecque asked if there were any question, none.

Rene Labrecque asked for nominations for the board member elect for **Member at Large**, 3-year term.

Martin Bettker nominated Dale Cousin.

Rene Labrecque asked for further nominations.

Kim Huffman made a motion for nominations to cease, second by Graham White.

Rene Labrecque announced that Dale Cousin is elected by acclimation for the Member at Large position.

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Ken Kruger made a motion for nominations to cease, second by Martin Bettker.

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Resolutions at this time: none

Closing Remarks by Rene Labrecque: Thank you Dave Tamney for joining our board. Thank you for every one that attended.

Rene Labrecque made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.