

Minutes of the Public Hearing held by the Daggett County Commission on **Monday, June 18, 2019** in the Dutch John Conference Hall in Dutch John, Utah. Commissioners Randy Asay, Jack Lytle and Matt Tippetts were present. Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Commissioner Asay.

Also present: Jean Dickinson, Amy McDonald, Trevor Brooksby and Thompson Davis,

**Citizen Comments:** Commissioner Asay opened the hearing for citizen comments and Thompson Davis of Dutch John Resort gave the first comments. Mr. Davis asked for the Commission to consider adjusting the allotment of water for the overage tiers to double like the base rate. The gallons don't double, but the base does. He would also like to consider having tier 4 at \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. He also requested that there be an annual review put into the resolution as this should be a revenue neutral operation. If there is an excess over the needs and the bond reserve that amount be returned to the users as either a credit or cash. This was the same information sent by correspondence previously.

Amy Rogers McDonald asked if this increase covered the monthly expenses and Commissioner Lytle said it would at .2 for the Capital outlay instead of the .4 as was suggested. We may accrue more, but we could use more, but it will take time to know for sure where we are at. Mrs. McDonald said if there were extra revenue it would be nice to investigate upgrades like having a florinator installed as its a pain to give your kids flouride. Thompson Davis said you need to come up with a plan. Amy also said that in the committee meetings it was difficult to find a way to spread out the expenses for different size businesses and cover all the system expenses. Commissioner Lytle thanked all those who participated in the committee meetings. Commissioner noted there were some changes as the small commercial was very onerous for some who barely use any water or sewer, so the medium commercial was added to spread those costs out.

Trevor Brooksby said the Medium Commercial could change to small Commercial, but there would be an expense involved with doing that. Amy McDonald said it would be a bummer if after all this work and study that we are right back where we started. Overages are slower this year as its been a wet spring. Amy McDonald asked if the Commission was going to hire a part time person and it was mentioned that they had to get the budget finalized before they could do that. Mr. Raymond said there was some Rural Water information about apprentice funding that needs to be investigated. There is discussion on the agenda at tomorrow's Commission meeting and also the Resolution is another item. Mr. Brooksby said as an operator he was the one who pushed for the Tier 4 rate simply because it makes a user look at whether or not they have a leak, instead of not taking care of your lines. Mrs. McDonald said that also mentioned that the tiers show we are conservation minded even though we have plenty of water. Commissioner Asay said that and Mr. Brooksby talked if there is money he would like to have a raw water tank for outside watering and for filtration purposes if needed because if there was a line break the water in the tank would only last 2 days unless we shut off irrigation and then it might last for 5 days. If we lose that line it could cost us a lot of money. WE are using about 4 ½ feet of water currently. With severe restrictions we could maybe last 2 weeks. A reverse osmosis system might be looked at some point in the future.

Jean Dickinson asked if we have to go until 7 pm and there was discussion of what to do and Commissioner Lytle motioned to recess until new public showed up and wanted to comment. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

No further public arrived even though the Commissioners stayed around until 7 pm, in case late comers showed up and wanted to comment.