

Punkin Water Association  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2019

Board members present: Jason Butts, Karen Popernik, John Davis, Jerry Bishop and Douglas Hill.

Others present: Mark Woods—attorney, Tony Bishop—operator, Max Hill—secretary/treasurer.

Not present: Mike Falkner—engineer

Jason Butts called the meeting to order at 6pm.

A motion was made by John Davis to approve the 12/10/2018 meeting minutes without a reading. Jerry Bishop offered the second. All voted aye.

A motion was made by John Davis to approve the 12/18/2018 executive session minutes without a reading. Karen Popernik offered the second. All voted aye.

Meeting minutes are available for perusal on the Punkin website.

A presentation was made by Brian Hudson of Utility GIS Services regarding the mapping of the Punkin Water system. This mapping could include meters, valves and hydrants. It would be possible to map the lines using GPS if the lines are equipped with a magnetic wire. If not, then an estimation of these lines could occur. The more accurate the estimation, the more expensive to do the mapping. Mr. Hudson offered a proposal to the board. The board thanked him for his presentation.

A presentation was made by Benton Smith of Omega Mapping regarding the mapping of the Punkin Water system. Omega uses GPS as well as Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). It is possible with this to map the older lines without the magnetic strip. Smith stated that as long as water was present in the lines and his machine could make “good” contact with the ground, the mapping of these old lines would be accurate. Omega did not leave an official proposal but offered that they would be happy to do so in the future. The board thanked him for his presentation.

John Davis offered that trenching would be done this morning around 9 on CR 271 and that it was possible that the water line would be hit.

A contractor payment of \$18,520.68 was authorized by the board. A motion for this authorization was made by John Davis. The second was offered by Douglas Hill. All voted aye.

Mark Woods testified that PWA has purchased an automated notification system called IRIS that will send text and voice calls to members when it is necessary for them to be notified i.e. breaks, boil notices, line flushes, etc. Woods also stated that we needed people to sign up to receive these notices and that only 26 had done so. It was suggested that PWA put a notice to sign up on the next water bills. Karen Popernik offered to draw up a form for members without internet so they can sign up. Woods stated that the cost of the service is \$1.50 per member annually.

There was a question by a member that owns property at the corner of CR 415 and 472 as to why he has received notice of another utility easement through his property? Jason Butts promised to bring engineer and construction foreman to meet with the property owner before any digging commenced.

Jason Butts and Karen Popernik welcomed the new Punkin secretary.

Karen Popernik addressed questions and concerns from members. She read aloud a list of questions that have been emailed to her by members. Popernik promised to obtain a fee schedule from John Davis for the repair work and meter installation he performs for the association. There was discussion with Tony Bishop, Punkin operator, about when a boil water notice should be issued. Bishop stated that if a repair job can be completed within four hours, then typically a notice is not warranted. Popernik stated that Punkin's financial records are open to review by its members.

Member, Brenda Morgan, stated that she has a jar of water from her tap that contains black specks. Operator Bishop testified that he has tested the water from her tap but not from the jar and those tests show the water is "safe" to drink. Bishop further testified that he did not know what was causing the black specks.

Popernik stated the protocol for reporting water problems and issues should be to telephone a member of the board. She promised that contact numbers for all members would be published on the Punkin website.

Popernik stated that the immediate priorities of the board are 1. IRIS notification system 2. Completion of the CR 415 project 3. Decision on connecting to the city's water supply or drilling of a new well 4. Roundtable meetings with members every month or two. 5. A feature to allow online bill payment.

John Davis stated that he has had a conversation with members of the board of supervisors about the county giving Punkin land to do a test well at the new county office complex on CR 406.

John David also bemoaned the contacting of the public service commission by members. He specifically cited one member being the one to always contact the PSC.

He did not name this person. He did state that those contacts had cost Punkin more than \$26,000 in attorney's fees last year.

John Davis made a motion to adjourn. The second was offered by Douglas Hill. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.