

***Hi-land Acres Water & Sanitation  
Minutes to the Board Meeting  
Dec 3, 2015***

**Call to Order: 7:00**

**Roll call: Jim Roos, Susan Findling, Chris Fretter & Fred Brinkerhoff**

**Consultants: Jim Nyman from ORC, Xuehua Bai**

**Residents: Frank Straface & Michael Bradley**

**Consensus Agenda: All reports were approved as submitted. Jim Nyman went over the operations report and it was also approved.**

**Resident comments & concerns: Mike Bradley and Frank Straface were in attendance to discuss their bills of \$740 they received from AmCoBi . They were concerned because they had already paid their overdue tap fees through the county via their property taxes. They felt they should be charged no more for late fees. Fred explained that the additional late fees were from June of 2014 to May of 2015. It was explained to them that the late fees could not be attached to their 2014 property taxes because to qualify with the county the bill has to be 6 months old. Jim also explained to them that late fees were discontinued in May 2015 to stop the accrument of further charges and that the district was charged a fee by the county to collect late tap fees. This fee was \$400. Mike Bradley asked the board to consider allowing him to pay the \$400 and dismiss the remaining balance. The board discussed later in the meeting his proposal and moved to reduce Mike Bradley and Karyl Malarkey's bills to \$400. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.**

**Old Business:**

**Mowing of the weeds at the south well has been completed.**

**Approval of bills: Fred made a trip to Grand Junction to present our case for acquiring a DOLA grant to help with expenses that the district will be facing with the costs of connection to the sewer interceptor line and decommission of the sewer plant. The board unanimously approved bills to pay Fred's expenses of \$238.78 for the trip, Bai Engineers \$7,800 and Jacobs \$625.00 for mowing.**

**Fred went over several items for next year. Fred will send a letter of intent to Lemke, Feis & Co to use them next year for our yearly audit report. The district**

**will also retain ORC for operations. We will continue with AmCoBi for billing. Also we will continue to have board meetings at the fire station.**

**Budget: Fred went over the proposed budget for next year. The new budget was approved unanimously by the board and the documents were signed.**

**New Business:**

**The board went over several new business items. The board unanimously approved the letter of intent to authorize the property liens for residents for 2016 for past due 2015 sewer tax fees. The board discussed the idea of monetary compensation of board members since most small water districts do this and perhaps it would help to entice some other residents to join the water board since we are short of members. We are allowed to compensate up \$100 per meeting. After much discussion the board unanimously approved for a one year trail to compensate board members \$100 per meeting with a \$1,600 limit per year.**

**Xuehua Bai went over several items. Bai went over a new system for water purification with electricity. He would like to have a water treatment plant to research the idea with no cost to the district. The board approved the use of our plant.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:02**