Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Hedley Improvement District
March 17th, 2025, at 10:00am
Hedley Centre

Trustees Present: Wes Mufford, John Todd, Dave Peers, Stephen Alderson

Corporate Administrator: Maria Manazza

Water Operator: Kathleen Conabree

Fire Department: Cory Pelletier

1) **Call to order:** Wes Mufford (Chair) called the meeting to order @ 10:00AM

2) **Approval of Agenda:** Dave/Stephen moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried.

3) **Adoption and acceptance of the previous minutes:** Dave/Stephen moved to accept the previous minutes from February 24th, 2025.
Carried.

4) **Petitions and Delegations:**
   - Gillian Welton – Fire Smart Representative presented to the board about the upcoming Fire Smart Initiatives and event scheduled for April 26th, 2025, at Woodlie Park. She emphasized the need for increased support and participation from Hedley. Fire Smart is currently conducting home assessments, with results being reported to the RDOS upon completion. Additionally, there may be grants available for Hedley BC, which the administrator should follow up on through the RDOS. The contact person is Hayden.

Reports:

1. **Administrative Report Summary:** Maria Manazza read the Administrative Report.

Date: March 17th, 2025
Prepared by: Maria Manazza
Subject: HID Monthly Report Highlights

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1. **Update on the Revenue Enhancement Committee**

The committee held its first meeting on March 3, 2025, with three attendees: Stephen Alderson, Vicki Robinson, and Joe Griffeon. The discussion focused on strategies to address outstanding accounts and the legal considerations for increasing taxes to compensate for shortfalls. The committee emphasized the importance of being mindful of residents on fixed incomes and the potential financial difficulties they may face.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th at 10:00 AM at the HID building.

2. Pumphouse

There are no new updates.

3. Reminder

Water tolls are due by April 1st. Please ensure your payments are submitted on time to avoid late penalties.

2. Fire Department Monthly Report Summary:

Subject: Monthly Update from Hedley Volunteer Fire Department

Currently, we have a dedicated team of 18 volunteer firefighters, which includes 9 full-time members and 9 recruits, another past fire fighter returned to the department last week, among whom are 2 first responders. Additionally, two firefighters have expressed interest in obtaining their first responder qualifications, demonstrating our commitment to enhancing our capabilities.

In March we had two first responder calls, one was a resident wave down and one was an ambulance assist

In terms of training, Deputy Chief and Chief attended team leader and incident command training at Willow brook Fire Department from February 28 to March 2. 5 members attended ICS 100 on Feb 28th in Keremeos. 3 members continued that weekend attending the ICS 200 course. 2 members finished their Level 3 first aid that included packaging for transportation on March 9th.

We have continued to update required paperwork and ensuring that our personnel receive the necessary training. Fire Chief Rob from Princeton is still conducting our training sessions on Tuesday practice nights, we have started at the basics to ensure everyone has the mandatory training that is needed.

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Thank you for your continued support and trust in our fire department. We remain committed to serving our community with dedication and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Corey Pelletier
Deputy Chief
Hedley Volunteer Fire Department

3. Water Report Summary: Kathleen Conabree read the water report:

HID Water Operator Report Summary (February 24th - March 16th, 2025)

1. **Bacteriological Tests: Weekly tests all clear.**
2. **Arsenic Levels: February's result was 8.79 PPB, same as last month, higher than February 2024's 7.84 PPB.**
3. **Reservoir Inspection: Conducted by Gary Ross on March 16; no issues found, some maintenance recommended.**
4. **Community Meetings: Ongoing with Barrick Gold, no answers yet; focus remains on valve maintenance.**
5. **Arsenic Testing: New test at Riverhaven well showed 0.5 PPB, significantly lower than Hedley aquifer's 8.79 PPB.**
6. **Meeting with Agencies: Agreement to share information on tailings and heavy metals affecting the aquifer.**
7. **Drill Site Visit: Reviewed core samples with scientists.**
8. **Certification: Kathleen passed the Water Operators course with 94%.**
9. **Valve Tests: Preparations underway for main valve exercising tests.**
10. **Training: Attending Small Water Systems Leak Detection course on March 19.**
11. **Aquifer Levels: Feb 15 - 58'7" below surface; Mar 15 - 57'10" below surface.**
12. **Water Pumpage: Average 140,800 gallons/day over 21 days.**

4. Financial Report Summary: John Todd read the Financial Report.

Hedley Improvement District
Income Statement
January 1 to February 28th, 2025

Water

- **Total Revenue:** $0
- **Total Expenses:** $14,577 (Budget: $189,200)
- **Net Income:** $107,334

Fire and Street Lighting

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- **Total Revenue:** $272
- **Total Expenses:** $9,782 (Budget: $134,100)
- **Net Income:** -$9,510

Balance Sheet (as of February 28, 2025)
- **Total Assets:** $1,889,276
- **Total Liabilities:** $37,300
- **Equity:** $1,851,976

Note: The full financial report is available at the HID office.

6) Bylaws & Resolutions: N/A

7) Old Business: Refer to the Administrative Report

8) New Business:

a) **HID River Stop Flow:** It was discussed that Hedley Creek experienced temporary river flow issues. Some residents investigated the situation, a drone was flown, but no conclusions were reached. However, it appears to be fine now.

9) Conclude Meeting:

a) Next Meeting scheduled for April 21st, 2025, @ 10:00AM at the Hedley Centre
b) Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 by Wes Mufford

Wes Mufford, Chair

Maria Manazza, Corporate Administrator

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