

## MANAGER'S REPORT - APRIL 2023

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects that we have been working on since the last board meeting.

**OPERATIONS:** The main canal started up on March 27. It was a long night as weeds piled up near the siphon, so crews had to move the excavator to clear the weeds. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, the crew took down the canal to put the checkboards in. That evening, they started the water into Boardman, which turned out to be a mistake. We typically wait a day between the upper canal start-up and Boardman. We just can't get enough water to the syphon to start it any earlier. We have underestimated the amount of seepage that takes place at start-up. We haven't had accurate measurement until this year (because we have those days in between and the measurement is downstream of the spill at the siphon). We had only enough water to push 15 cfs into Boardman. We need to start at 35 cfs. It took until 7:30 the next morning to get the water through.

Seepage. We know from experience that when we turn about 30 cfs into Boardman, we will get 18 to 20 at the end for about a week (it comes up during that time if folks aren't picking the water up). This is due to seepage, water lost to the areas surrounding the canal. We have not considered the lost water in the main canal. We typically start with 55 cfs. We are not sure how much gets to the siphon, but I would guess about 35 – 40, We take the canal down to put the checks in. That takes a full day to bring it back up and we increase the flow during that time. We usually have 45 available to us to get a good push into Boardman the next day (Third day). Moving forward, we need to understand this is the best we can do.

**TELEMETRY SYSTEM UPDATE:** We do not have information at the office. We understand that the SCADA equipment is not talking to the radios. The programming folks from Aqua and Rock are discussing and working on this. No news on the tower.

**COLLECTIONS:** We mailed out about 40 notices to folks regarding potential liens and foreclosures. Some paid up. Others paid when we shut them off. Lisa will follow up on the lien filings and notices. I sent 110 notices out to folks that owed the power bill from last year. Many are paying and we will do those shut-offs the week of May 1.

**NON-WORKING METERS:** We have been inspecting the non-working meters from last year as they start up. Thus far, folks are either repairing or getting new meters. We have not had any pushbacks.

**OFFICE STORAGE ISSUE:** I got a small start on ideas for the storage shed. We have settled on 10 X 30. Cecil will pour the concrete for the shed when we do the same for the new communication tower. He is adding the shed to the permit.

**NEW PICKUP:** No word on the new pickup.