

Administrative Report December 17, 2020

2020 Power Bills

Power bills went out at the beginning of this month. Most went up from last year. It was a longer, drier season this year. Payments have been coming in steadily.

Collections

There are 2 accounts I am bringing for foreclosure and 2 pending. I filed the lien on the Franke property; no further action at this time. On the Lambson property, I continue to work with CoreLogic, but no payment yet from the lender.

Linda Martinez: Payments from the bankruptcy trustee are regular on what was included in the bankruptcy. Charges to her account after the bankruptcy are her current responsibility and we can collect on them as we would any account. She owes legal fees and the 2020 incurred charges. There has been no payment or contact from her or anyone on her behalf. She received the Intent to Foreclose by regular mail with a deadline of November 30; she refused the certified letter. Statement attached.

Charles/Lyla Perrin: This account has been in collections for several years. Last year they received an Intent to Foreclose, but made payment arrangements so no further action was taken. They made one payment of \$300 on October 29, 2019, but missed their November and December payments of \$200 each. They are 4 years behind on their taxes and there is no lender to pay either the taxes or irrigation bill. The county will foreclose next year, and we will lose our interest if they do. They received and signed for the Intent to Foreclose regular and certified, with a deadline of November 30. They are behind 2 years on their irrigation bill; statement attached.

Recommendation: Move to foreclose on Martinez and Perrin.

CARES Act / Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

There are grant funds available for local governments who have had non-budgeted expenses due to coronavirus. Expenses from March 1 thru the end of the year are eligible. I will be submitting the cost of adding the bathroom to the shop, as we would have waited on this otherwise. We are also being encouraged to upgrade our ability to work remotely and submit those costs. We are looking at the new phone system upgrade, tablets for the field crew and updates to our computers here in the office. I will bring proposals to the board meeting.

From SDAO: "If you are seeking ways to utilize this funding, we recommend that you strongly consider upgrading your district's phone, internet, and computer systems to make online work and meetings possible. SDAO foresees a future demand and potential requirement for this and the CARES Act reimburses for this type of upgrade for special districts."

COVID Medical Leave

Something new this year is the requirement to provide 2 weeks paid time off (pro-rated for parttime employees) for employees who have to quarantine due to coronavirus. This is in addition to any leave we already offer. So far, we have had one employee use this.

2020 Audit

2019 was the last audit on our 3-year contract with Barnett & Moro. They have sent a new contract, with increased fees. I am checking with other auditors in the area to see if anyone else is doing municipal audits and would like to submit a bid. I will report more at the meeting.