

## MINUTES

### P & R District #1 Board of Commissioners Meeting

923 Hazel Point Road

Feb 27 2026 6:00 pm

Emergency Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** The meeting was called to order at the Laurel B. Johnson Community Center, Quilcene, Washington at 6:00 pm. The meeting was chaired by Denis Schmitt (DS); commissioners Cathy Bohman(CB) Thane Grooms (TG), Norm Johnson (NJ) and Joe Patterson (JP) attended in person. Joanmarie Eggert (JE)also attended.

## 2. **Well Report 2/27/2026 From TG**

### **Background**

Last year we raised money from donations to replace the well pump, pressure tanks, etc, because there were signs that the 35 year old system needed replaced... Breakers popping, pressure tanks failed.

On Monday (2/23/26), we started that work. When Bayview Pumps hooked up their crane to pull the pipe and pump (325ft depth), it wouldn't budge. They were putting about 6000lbs of force on it. It would only lift 3/4 inch. They tried very carefully to get it to budge. No movement. The water pump was working when they left the site for the day.

24 hours later the pump would not lift water. We don't know exactly why. Testing with a new controller showed that everything was within normal specs. So, there are possibilities that the pipe has corrosion and holes that are just recirculating water. There is something blocking passage at 110ft, so we can't get a tape or camera past that point.

It could be a buried pump, a collapse or break in the casing, a spacer wedged against accumulated rust or a weld line... All guesses. Well driller (Tillia) suspects rust scale build up down at the pump.

We will be getting a well driller out with bigger equipment... digging down around the casing, cutting it off below the brass pitless to get ahold of the galvanized pipe, because we can't put that kind of pressure on the brass.

If that succeeds, we will clean out the well and continue where we left off on Monday.

As an emergency measure, Bayview Pumps brought in a 2500 gallon tank, a booster pump (on loan/rent) and trucked in 1700 gallons of water. That bypasses the well and gives water to the LBJCC so that events don't have to get cancelled.

We discovered another problem, once the water tank and booster pump were brought online, we noticed a drop in pressure and the pump was cycling every 10-15 minutes. There is a leak somewhere between the well house and the building.

### **Next Steps**

Tillia Well Drilling can get here as soon as next week to do the following:

Dig out around the well head and down to about 3 feet to cut off the casing and attach the drilling rig to the galvanized pipe. At that point, they can put much more tension and a twisting motion to try to extract the pipe and pump.

We will need to be prepared to authorize the optional install of a PVC liner if it's needed.

### **Worst Case**

There's a chance that we have to drill a new well. That would cost between \$35,000 and \$45,000.

## **3. Discussion**

We are in agreement to locate and fix the leak.

When the leak is fixed do we keep the reservoir system going until the well and pump is working? Agreed - no service water until at least until next meeting.

TG moved, NJ seconded that we contract with a location service to find and fix the leak for no more than \$2000. TG to contact the location service.

NJ moved JP seconded and all approved that we contract with Tillia Well Drilling to accept their quote not to exceed \$12,858.30. TG to contact Tillia Well Drilling.

Richard Linzer presented options for funding as there we do not have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the replacing the pumps.

