

Board Meeting - May 11, 2010

Present: Mike Elmore, Tom Ashmore, Rodney Peterson, Marla Skroch, Ben Beseda, Roger Prowell, Tom Peachey, Lea Stephens

Guest: Norman Martin

Meeting called to order 6:34pm

Approval of corrected March 9th, 2010 minutes

Approval of April 13th, 2010 minutes and consent agenda. It was noted that the last minutes had been changed to change the word adopt to read in the minutes of the previous meeting on the SDC language.

Public Comment: Norman Martin – 1118 Sunflower – brought research from other cities in Oregon and what he believed their water rates to be. He was disgruntled because CWPUD's rates appear to be the highest in the state. He believed CWPUD raised rates without cause and thought the Board did not do their duty to allow the high water rates both in terms of history and recent decisions. Mr. Martin feels we could have made smaller increases and fixed smaller projects.

After considerable discussion and information exchange, Mr. Elmore stated that he could come into the office and talk with the District Manager and be provided with a tour of the system and documents to help him understand the history of the District.

He may make an appointment to come in and sit down with Roger – for an hour or two – to tour the District and get educated on CWPUD's history, EFA report and current situation.

Financials:

Roger gave financials: The District is looking good in the current budget and looks good for the next budget year. Roger noted that we put \$15K into LGIP this month and we are getting close to having the minimum recommended amount in LGIP.

Engineer of Record:

No new City requests and nothing in the CWPUD area for the City.

Did a survey of all District sites - properties not conveyed to CWPUD: Well #3, a piece of land over the hill and a small stamp of land are still considered "Lower

Chenoweth Water District" land. The small stamp of land area could be a potential spot for a cell tower site for additional revenue – or could possibly be a future site for a small reservoir.

Ben, Roger and Jeb have a 10:00am meeting at Tooley Water District.

Tennessee is working diligently on the Master Plan – Ben's secretary is typing it up now – almost ready for first draft. There may be a work session scheduled with Ben for a minimum of ½ hr to discuss draft of Master Plan – possibly July.

Ben's working on new map/ capital improvement areas – have identified smaller and older lines throughout the system - also looking for ways to loop the system for redundancy and more consistency.

Increasing redundancy/PRV on Meek Street for Cherry Heights and PRV in Foley for redundancy in Lower Chen area.

Roger and Ben are meeting with Pam Swires, UDDA Rural Development next Tuesday to learn more about the current status of Federal assistance. Ben and Roger will have a list of questions and topics for that meeting.

District Managers Report:

System is running about 700,000 gallons a day currently. Well #3 - aeration -filled and running manually to keep water fresh.

Revenue up about \$28K and sold about 700,000 gallons more than last year.

SCADA running smooth

13% water loss for April.

Roark Smith's attorney wants to clear up account. Roger sent him a letter advising of balance and that the monthly base rate will continue to be billed to his residence.

We completed the list of safety items from our inspection with SDAO.

Met with Dave A. and Ray J. from City of The Dalles Public Works to discuss several items: new mayor/franchise fee – grants/funding process; they believed they were fortunate to get the money with their main driver being that they were providing water to a medical facility. They invited us to visit and look over their application/process to gain more understanding of the paperwork involved.

We have a meeting on May 18, with Pam Swires, Rural Development lady to chat about the money situation and loan forgiveness. We will also chat about “What kind of reserves we’ll need – Availability of new Fed dollars – focus on grants or forgiveness – timing of application – Ask the reserve question and ability to pay for loan if need be.

Ben completed maps and surveys of all of our facilities. We found that four locations are recorded as the actual owner of the properties being Lower Chenoweth Water District, not Chenoweth Water PUD. That leaves the legal question of how we get these properties into our fold. This should have been done years ago with the merger of the Districts.

We will meet with Tom Peachey to fix/convey “Lower Chen. Water District” ownership of land to Chenoweth Water PUD.

We looked at the cost of the HiLand Court project – it was about \$40 per foot, a most reasonable number. If you discount the hot tap and flowable fill, cost was about \$35 per foot, which is a very good cost number.

We pot holed the water line under the freeway at Snipes St and found a CMP 18” carry pipe (very good thing) which makes the 2nd St project more pleasant.

Met with Ben several times and many hours discussing the Master Plan and path for the future. Master Plan is coming together with lots of communication between Ben and me over details and data. Draft copy of the first part text is now finished and I am reviewing the language as my evening reading.

We painted Fleck Well building since we added the outside CL2 storage area. We worked with the landowner to paint the building a color that matches his home site.

Roger, Ben and Jeb are meeting with Tooley Water District, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 10:00am.

Old Business:

Grants and Loans update – discussed previously.

SDC Connection Ordinance process completed.

Water Rights updates – almost completed with one more publication of notice in The Chronicle.

New Business:

Lower Chen Well #2 abandonment: Does CWPUD want to re-roof the building for approximately \$500 or abandon the well and tear the building down? It would cost approximately \$3K - \$5K to fill with concrete and abandon. We could demolish the building in-house and save money. There are no benefits to the District to have/keep the building and well. It is an attractive nuisance in the District.

Per the Board: abandon the well and demolish the building.

Training and Seminars:

Jeb will be going to Central Point in June for Supervision classes.

Board Member Comments:

None

Adjourned Board Meeting at 7:45pm to Executive Session based on OAR 192.666 (2) (1)

Executive Session adjourned at 8:37pm

Board Meeting resumed at 8:38pm

Mike moved that the June 8th regular Board Meeting start at 6:30pm (normal time) with agenda focused on budget – Marla 2nd – all ayes

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm – Marla made motion – Rod 2nd – all ayes

Board Meeting minutes submitted by: _____

Lea Stephens, Data Management

Approved as to content at regular meeting held June 8, 2010

By: _____

Tom Ashmore, President, Board of Directors