

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District Board meeting minutes

September 16th, 2017

Held at Whispering Pines Fire Department Station 72

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM

In attendance:

Board: Dave McKibben, Bruce Johnson, Ray Tanner, Judy Scott, John Tanner
District Manager: Don Ascoli; residents Al Fuzat and Harry Jones.

A roll was called-Chairman McKibben, Treasurer Ray Tanner, Judy Scott, John Tanner and Secretary Bruce Johnson were present. A quorum was established. McKibben moved that the minutes of the prior meeting be approved; Ray Tanner seconded. Minutes were approved.

District Manager's Report: Ascoli reported the District activity since the last meeting.

There were twenty seven customer calls and twelve Blue Stake requests.

A major leak in the distribution system has dominated a large portion of the water activities since June. The loss is over 200,000 gallons per month. A new water meter was installed in the main line to help isolate the leak location. During the investigation three previously hidden valves were discovered and used to isolate sections of service line. CMP was hired to help find the leaks using "Correlators", but to no avail.

The search for the leak will continue.

The footer valve on the intake pipe was replaced three times. It was damaged by flooding.

Blue markers are being installed to show the location of valves and lines. Mapping will continue with street addresses added.

The current status of the C.C. Cragin water line project was reported. The pipeline is completed and the new filter plant at Houston Mesa will be completed by July, 2018.

Ascoli briefed the Board about the classification as a Community Water System. Ascoli briefed the Board on the additional forms of water testing required, which now include copper, lead and other byproducts.

Chairman McKibben called upon Treasurer Tanner for a Treasurer's report.

Tanner briefly reviewed the budget which was published on the website.

Agenda items were discussed:

Ascoli asked the Board for permission to acquire and use a District Checking Account Debit Card in lieu of using his personal funds for minor purchases. A discussion of the

options included using petty cash. It was discussed that Debit Cards are risky. McKibben suggested that Ascoli begin a trial usage of petty cash for three to six months, with the usual receipts and bookkeeping provisions. Ascoli agreed to try this approach.

The water turbidity issue was discussed. Reports of previous inspections were examined. NCS engineering will provide recommendations. Johnson summarized his understanding of the issue. City of Payson will have similar turbidity issues and will use micro filtration to remove turbidity. Beaver Valley water process was discussed. Harry Jones described the turbidity issues there and the issues at our location. Ascoli asked that the discussion be tabled until further testing could be performed.

Tanner asked about the “boil water” alert that was issued; why and by whom?

Ascoli explained the reasoning behind the bulletin, mandated by ADEQ.

Al Fuzat commented that a rescinding notification should have been issued as well.

Harry Jones encouraged action on this issue because it has been an issue for “five or six years” and could affect the property values. He called on the Board to pursue this problem with professional help and to empower the Manager to solve the problems.

Relocation of the pickup valve would greatly alleviate this problem but it is a political issue with SRP. Ascoli will work with NCS and report in a future Board meeting.

McKibben made a motion that the turbidity issue be tabled until the next regular or irregularly scheduled meeting. Ray Tanner seconded, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

The water leak issue was discussed next, with Ascoli briefing the Board about the events that transpired since the leak was reported in June. Using Correlators and Sounders, plus measuring the water pressure at each location along Filaree has isolated the leak to a section of line between two cabins. Further testing, and digging if necessary, will be performed during the coming week. Isolation valves will be installed.

Harry Jones asked about residual chlorine in the tanks when river water is utilized.

Ascoli reported the replacement of the footer valve in the pickup line. The flood had displaced large boulders that located and protected the valve. He expressed misgivings about relocating the intake upstream to avoid CC Cragin contamination. It would be a potential maintenance problem.

The status of negotiations with SRP was briefed. There was nothing new to report.

Renewed effort will be put into research and documentation. Additionally, a meeting with attorney David Brown is scheduled for the coming Tuesday. Ray Tanner, Bruce Johnson and Don Ascoli will teleconference with him to discuss water rights issues.

There was a call to the public. Harry Jones discussed three issues of concern:

The water meter that is located inside a horse corral is a violation and safety issue. It has been reported and discussed numerous times before. The meter needs to be

relocated outside the corral and a “commercial” backflow preventer valve should be installed.

The turbidity issue was again brought up. Jones believes that Hydrologists and Engineers should be brought in to solve the problem, and it needs to be addressed more aggressively.

Lastly, Jones warned that the Board is in violation of the Open Meeting laws, consistently failing to post the meeting minutes within seventy two hours as required. McKibben called for any further comments and Ray Tanner discussed the turbidity issue briefly. Realizing that no guarantees are there to fix the problem, he asked if ADEQ would grant a waiver to the District to reduce the standard, or allow mixing of water. Ascoli will work with ADEQ on this question.

McKibben motioned to adjourn the meeting; Johnson seconded,

The Board meeting was ended at 3:02.

Bruce Johnson, Secretary.