

## **Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District Board meeting minutes**

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Held at Station 72 Whispering Pines Fire Department

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 P.M.

Roll call was taken: Chairman Dave McKibben, Treasurer Ray Tanner, Secretary Bruce Johnson, and Manager Don Ascoli. A quorum was established.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to establish telephonic connection for phone- in participants.

McKibben moved that the minutes of the prior meeting be approved. Johnson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Minutes were approved.

### **District Manager Ascoli's report.**

1). Routine Water activities since the last meeting were noted:

There were no new accounts. There were four (4) customer calls regarding billing and water issues.

2). There was a requirement for Blue Stake at 426 Belluzzi Blvd. to support the pipeline activity.

3). A major leak was repaired at the McElhiney home, 303 Rim Trail. A gate valve and check valve were replaced.

A new 3 inch shutoff valve was installed on the service line going to the Carrus property at 426 Belluzzi Blvd. It proved to be needed as the next day the line was broken by trenchers and it was possible to shut off the water locally without shutting off the main water line.

On Box Elder Lane a new 400 foot section of 4 inch C900 main line was activated. It included a new valve which will allow shutting off the line without the need to shut off the valves at the two storage tanks when doing work on the line.

A previously uncovered service line was capped by the contractor at lot 123H on Ranch Road. It was an unapproved line that was not metered.

The turbidity meter at the lift station has no power. An electrician will repair it by the end of the month.

4). For electronic billing, Eldorado Software was determined to work only with a large customer base. The version 9 software may possibly be used for EFT.

5). Manager Ascoli provided a summary of the Legislative activities surrounding HB2622, which sets limits on taxes in a DWID per a lot basis. The Bill will go over to the Senate next.

### **Major Projects**

CC Cragin pipeline construction through Rim Trail is almost completed and should make the connection to the tailrace service box next week. During the pipeline laying phase four (4) service connections across Belluzzi Blvd. were broken and repaired. The contractor is now in the process of applying Buckhead rock to the road and plans to be completed by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Ascoli deferred discussion of the other majors projects (5 member Board, Water Rights, White Tail Knob water tank, and turbidity issues) until later in his reporting.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Tanner briefly reported the financial status. The statement is available online. The expenses of the Pipeline support and Attorney's fees were reported.

### **Chairman's Report.**

McKibben expressed gratitude for the professional and proactive management of the District.

### **Discussion and possible action**

- a. Chairman McKibben opened the discussion of the operation of the District website and the possibility of eliminating the maintenance fee of \$25 for the support of backing up the files. McKibben currently performs backup three ways. The question of who pays for the web hosting (Go Daddy) will be discovered by McKibben. Ascoli will confer with the Web Master about discontinuance of his fee and report back to the committee. Further action was tabled until answers are received.

- b. Manager Ascoli outlined the process for expanding the Board from two to five members per ARS 48-1012 paragraph F. Applications, petitions, candidates and balloting were explained. The election is November 8<sup>th</sup>. Candidates may file from July 11<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion by McKibben to initiate the process to expand the board to 5 members, it was seconded by Johnson and voted upon. The motion was approved by vote.
- c. White Tail Knob storage tank replacement was discussed at length. The problems with storage level monitoring and pump timer operation were explained by Ascoli. Johnson expressed his concerns about the current operations procedures and the need to modernize the processes. The automated operations at other water districts and associated costs were detailed by Ascoli. Concerns about the priorities of expenditures and the condition of the other tanks were voiced by Tanner. Ascoli had asked for the approval to spend up to \$10,000 per the budget, to install water level monitoring instrumentation on the tank on White Tail Knob. Motion to approve the expenditure was put forward by Johnson and seconded by McKibben. A vote was called for. Johnson and McKibben voted yes; Tanner voted no. The yes vote carried. Ascoli and Johnson believe that they can engineer the remote monitoring system and perform the installation under budget. Discussion of tank replacement was deferred until further evaluation is performed.
- d. The subject of markers to delineate the water lines was readdressed by Ascoli. Johnson expressed his observations and support for the markers. The possibility of using GPS to locate the system components were discussed by Tanner. A motion to purchase the markers was voiced by McKibben and seconded by Johnson. Following rebuttals by Tanner a vote was called for. McKibben and Johnson voted yes, Tanner voted no. The yes vote carried.

### **Call to the public.**

There was no call from the public.

### **Executive Session**

There was a motion by McKibben to go into Executive Session to discuss the water rights meeting with SRP. It was seconded by Tanner and Executive Session was entered into at 4:35. The Executive Session ended at 4:51 and the meeting returned to regular Board.

With no further business to discuss, McKibben adjourned the Board meeting at 4:54 P.M.