

APPROVED

Arrowbear Park County Water District

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2016

6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Arrowbear Park County Water District was held May 19, 2016 at the District Office, 2365 Fir Drive, Arrowbear Lake, California.

Directors in attendance:

President Sheila Wymer
Vice President Mark Bunyea
Director Rick Weber
Director Pat Oberlies

Directors who were absent:

Director Terisa Bonito

Also present were the following:

General Manager Huff
Secretary Caroline Rimmer
Fire Chief Isaiah Hall
Supervisor Paul Miller

Visitors who were present:

Ouida Rendelman

Open Session

President Wymer called the meeting to order. Secretary Rimmer led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. President Wymer certified the posting of the agenda. President Wymer performed a roll call, 4 Directors were present, and 1 Director was absent.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Director Weber made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Second was by Director Oberlies. After a brief discussion regarding the Expenses & Budget for the month of April, the Consent Agenda was approved. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yays: President Wymer, Vice President Bunyea, & Directors Weber & Oberlies

Absent: Director Bonito

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Staff Reports:

- A) Supervisor Miller reported a total of (40) maintenance issues for the month of April. There were (9) shut off/turn on for non-pay/payment received, (7) Customer request to turn off/on water, (2) Turn on/off for plumbing repairs, (6) New owners, (5) Customer service issues, (3) Meter re-reads, (2) Lien filed/released, (4) Meter replacements, (0) Main Repairs, and (2) Service line repairs. Supervisor Miller reported that the Technicians were within 20 feet of completion for the pipeline project on Keater (except for pressure testing and paving). Supervisor Miller reported in detail about the 2 Service Line repairs.
- B) Chief Hall reported on the Summary of Calls for April. There were a total of (13) calls, (6) were in the District and (7) were out of the District. Chief Hall reported that the repairs from the plumbing leak at the Fire Department were almost completed and that

there was a wait for carpet. President Wymer asked about the areas that were affected by the leak. Chief Hall estimated that the repairs would be completed in one week. Chief Hall reported that the tickets for the Annual Fire Fighter's Picnic being held July 2, 2016, would be included in the mailing of the May bill from the District. Ouida Rendelman asked why the doors were open at the Fire Department and President Wymer asked why the property owners on Hilltop were cutting trees on their property. Chief Hall replied that the doors were open for the water damage repairs and that the owner at the property on Hilltop was thinning dead trees. Chief Hall added that the Fire Department gave the owner 1 month to remove the downed trees and that the owner had already arranged for the wood to be removed. President Wymer asked why there were so many miscellaneous items on the property creating an eyesore. Chief Hall stated the owner of the property had a permit for some storage, but that they may need better control of combustible items. There was a concern and that Chief Hall should get in touch with the County Code Enforcement to verify what was legal and what was not legal. Chief Hall ended his report by discussing that the Fire Department has been working with the renters of Ito's Ski Shop the old Deer Lick Lumber property to make sure they were in compliance with fire codes.

- C) General Manager Huff reported that the District had reduced its accounts that had liens down from 25 to 10 and recognized Secretary Rimmer for her efforts. General Manger Huff concluded by discussing his meeting with Steve Samaris, representing CSA 79, and the Running Springs Treatment Plant proposed changes.

President Wymer also excused any Staff not needed for the Action Items.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

A) General Manager Huff

- 1) There was a discussion regarding Running Springs Water District's response to Arrowbear Park County Water District proposal for WWTP proportional cost sharing and a new WWTP Agreement. General Manager Huff said the first point was that Running Springs Water District Board of Directors requested a plan on how Arrowbear Park County Water District was going to reduce its inflow and infiltration. General Manager Huff reported that he had, based on the information the Running Springs Water District provided, prepared spreadsheets, analyzed the data, and could not reconcile significant flow increases that were extraordinary. General Manager Huff stated that the argument of billing with EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units), lacked factual basis and evidence. Vice President Bunyea asked if Running Springs Water District had reviewed General Manager Huff's analysis. General Manager Huff read the emails between him and General Manager Gross. Director Oberlies asked if any progress had been made. General Manager Huff responded by stating that the original Running Springs proposal was to use EDU's to proportionally divide the WWTP costs but now they wanted to switch to billing a flat fee of \$18 per EDU per month. Vice President Bunyea asked where Running Springs obtained the idea that Green Valley Lake and Arrowbear Park did not pay its fair share. General Manager Huff stated that from the email, it did not seem that Running Springs understood that they were producing twice as much waste water per EDU as Arrowbear. General Manager Huff reminded the Board that Arrowbear Park did have a meter and could accurately record its waste water flows. General Manager Huff stated that Running Springs thought every home should pay the same amount for sewage no matter how much was generated. President Wymer asked how

much the amount would increase on a monthly basis with General Manager Huff stating that currently the average paid per EDU for treatment based on average flows in gallons was around \$8 per month so if \$18 per EDU was charged, that would increase the monthly treatment cost of the bill by an additional \$10. General Manager Huff stated that he had tried to reason with Running Springs that more or less EDU's was not going to change the functioning or cost of the Treatment Plant but Running Springs has never addressed the point with facts, figures, historical data, or rationale. General Manager Huff replied that the research he had done would support Arrowbear Park County Water District's position and would be beneficial should there be litigation involved in this matter. Vice President Bunyea asked what happened when Special District's fed into Big Bear with General Manager Huff stating that the people who were forced into going with Big Bear were upset. Vice President Bunyea asked if it were possible to meter each property with General Manager Huff stating that this would be cost prohibitive. During General Manager Huff's presentation to Running Springs Water District, Their District Engineer had questioned the validity of the EDU examples bringing up fractional EDU's General Manager Huff had asked Running Springs Engineer if there were fractional EDU's and if Running Springs used them, they did not. Director Weber asked if Arrowbear had any say in the purchases for the Treatment Plant. General Manager Huff replied that a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), could be formed for the Treatment Plant, with each District having a seat on the Board but there would be additional administrative expenses with a JPA. President Wymer asked General Manager Huff if he could get an estimate on what legal fees might be in the event of the inability to come to an agreement with Running Springs Water District. General Manger Huff gave a very broad estimate of between \$75,000 and \$150,000 obtained from the District's Legal Counsel. General Manager Huff added that arbitration would be a less expensive option as long as Running Springs agreed to it. Vice President Bunyea asked if an arbitrator would be familiar with Districts such as Arrowbear Park. General Manager Huff stated that all the Board could hope for was a fair judgement and that the next step would be to respond to General Manager Gross' email. The Board reviewed General Manager Huff's response and were satisfied with the tone and content. There was no motion and no action taken.

- 2) There was a discussion regarding customer John Tashtchian's request for an adjustment to his water bill due to a leak at the property. There was no action taken and the Board agreed the existing policy should be applied consistently, giving the customer a 15% discount and 10 months to pay the past due balance without accruing additional late fees and interest.
- 3) There was a discussion with a motion to approve the District's Master Plan as formulated in the Master Plan Committee Meeting held April 27, 2016. Motion made by Director Weber, Seconded by Vice President Bunyea. Passed by unanimous vote, Director Bonito was absent.
- 4) There was a discussion with a Motion to approve the realigning of the Main Replacement Projects, allocating the budgeted \$62,524 for FY 15-16 in account 8015W-010 for the Truman Lane Project back to 3120W Unrestricted Replacement-System account & allocating \$61,434 from this account to account 8015W-011 Keater Lane, for current FY 15-16. Motion made by Director Weber, Seconded by Director Oberlies. Passed by unanimous vote, Director Bonito was absent.

B) Board

- 1) There was a discussion with a Motion to approve revising Policy #4030 regarding the amount and frequency of the Board Member's Directors Fee to be annually established in June (concurrent with the approval of the next fiscal year's budget), rather than in July. Motion made by Director Weber, seconded by Director Oberlies. Passed by unanimous vote, Director Bonito was absent. Vice President Bunyea requested that the Board vote on receiving pay on a monthly basis rather than quarterly. This discussion was tabled until the Finance Workshop scheduled for June 7, 2016.

Announcements:

- A) President: None.
- B) Board Members: Vice President Bunyea announced that he was retiring with MARTA in September.
- C) Staff: Secretary Rimmer reminded the Board of the Finance Workshop meeting on June 7, 2016 at 5pm.

Adjournment of Open Meeting:

There being no further business, President Wymer adjourned the Open Meeting at 8:35 PM.

The next board meeting will be June 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Sheila Wymer, President

Caroline V. Rimmer, Secretary