

El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 5, 2012 7 pm 89 Roadrunner Road

Present: Ken King, Karyl Lyne, Carol Macomber, Jim Peters, Gene Solyntjes, Ric Valenzuela, Joe Zebrowski,

1. **Call to order and proof of quorum** -- 7:20 pm Quorum established.
2. **Proof of notice of meeting** -- flyers, radio announcements and email notices.
3. **Approval of Agenda** --The agenda was approved. Ric/Jim
4. **Approval of minutes** -- 3-1-12 Board Meeting minutes were approved. Jim/Ric
5. **Treasurer's Report** -- Jim reported that David Rivas, our driver has been paid. We had 7 deliveries in March. Our budget needs to be filed with DFA and we have to send our financial status each year to the State Auditor. It was filed by Jim in January.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Request to governor**--it is in the hands of the Governor. The County did put a letter of support with our emergency request which is good.
 - b. **Water Rights Brochure** is on hold for now.
 - c. **Cloud Data Base**--Ken and Karyl are working on it. Ken and Karl worked on it last week. It's almost ready to put names in, but not quite.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Review of current funding applications**--There are no new funding applications out.
 - i. **CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application** -- 50K for planning & is still being reviewed by DFA Local Governments Division. If we submit to them again, we should go to their training because the process is a bit more difficult than is described in the guidelines. We shouldn't have had the resolution formulated before the public meeting. Also we will probably need an income survey. Apparently census data won't do. Joe and Ramon spoke to the fact that the proposed standpipe service area is quite large and will serve a population very like the general county population. Unfortunately, the CDBG funding is really not designed for our type of organization.
 - ii. **WTB (Water Trust Board) application** has been reviewed and another questionnaire has been submitted by Joe. Joe presented to the WTB on March 28 and responded to two questions. Now staff score the apps and then they will be ranked and awarded. We need to develop some other alternatives for the \$50K CDBG money we were planning to use as matching money in the WTB application if it is not awarded. There are some options for matching money. Souder/Miller has done about \$35K work without getting paid and some of that could be given to us for match. El Valle water alliance might be able to spend on something like this if we had a formal relationship with them. This could be a conflict of interest with since Ramon Lucero, our project manager, is the El Valle Board president. Ken King's in-kind legal work for El Creston is match money. A \$25K RIP (Rural Infrastructure Program) Loan from the Environment Dept. is a possibility \$25K 3% over 20 years. Ricardo's work in building the truck could be used as match. Also Jim will submit some possibilities for accounting in-kind services. The County may also be able to help by providing base course for the fill station driveways and may be able to help with other parts of the fill station. It is also possible for the County to provide fire hydrants as Santa Fe County does. Ramon will speak with Senator Griego to see if there is money anywhere else.

iii. Next steps -- Joe thinks we should go for the NMED RIP Loan and we have to have a public meeting to do this. The notices must say we'll be discussing taking out another loan, the amount of the loan and what it is for. The public meeting will be on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7 pm at the Sheridan Fire Station. Joe will know more after the meeting with the County on Tuesday April 10, 2012 at 9 am. Jim/Ric moved to have the public meeting. It was approved.

iv. Funding workshop -- This will occur after the public meeting.

b. Emergency Water update

- i.** Karyl reported a new contact who lives in Sheridan who says he has a number of neighbors with dry wells.
- ii.** Gene will follow up with this contact.

c. Water hauling

- i.** Bill Pyles is doing the vinyl lettering for the truck (white on black and black on orange) and Ric reported that the truck needs an oil change.
- ii.** Seven deliveries were made in March.

d. Membership drive--Slow progress is being made on getting new members. We have 50 members now.

- i.** We need a form or clause in the tank lease agreement for transfer of title or ownership of the tank when it is paid off. Jim and Ken will work on that.
- ii.** We need to adopt the proposal made at the annual meeting on 3-3-12. Motion to raise the joining fee to \$50--Jim/Gene. Motion approved unanimously.
- iii.** We need to adopt the proposal made at the annual meeting on 3-3-12 to institute an annual assessment fee for all members of \$60 due this year at the end of September. The motion was made and seconded (Ric/Gene) and it passed unanimously.

e. Correspondence--Letter of support from Board of Realtors supporting our efforts to solve our water issue. Letter fro USDA 3-27-12, requesting financial reports and a number of other items. Jim will provide financial reports and Joe will work on the rest.

8. Adjournment 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karyl Lyne, Secretary
El Creston MDWCA

