

**El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, December 6, 2012 7:00 pm 89 Roadrunner Road**

Present: Mitch Barker, Crystal Gallegos, Juan Lucero, Karyl Lyne, Ric Valenzuela, Joe Zebrowski

1. **Call to order and proof of quorum**--Called to order at 7:08 pm and a quorum was established.
2. **Proof of notice of meeting**--Flyers were posted in the usual places, two radio stations were asked to announce the meeting and the Optic was sent a notice.
3. **Approval of Agenda** -- The agenda was approved. Ric/Crystal
4. **Approval of previous meeting minutes**--The November 1 minutes were approved as written Ric/Crystal. The October 6 minutes were approved as corrected (Gallegas to Gallegos) Ric/Crystal. The September 6 minutes were approved as written Ric/Crystal. The August 2 minutes were approved as written Ric/Crystal.
5. **Treasurer's Report** The combined checking and savings account balance is \$17,722 as of 12-6-12. There have been 5 deliveries in October and 15 in November. This keeps us on our goal of 10 deliveries a month. Crystal will follow up on the possibility of buying QuickBooks for El Creston and will start all the reports in the new software in 2013.
 - a. **assessments status** -- 35 of 48 members assessed have paid. Joe will send out the third notice next week to those who have not paid. The language will be more forceful.
6. **Old business**
 - a. **Water Rights Brochure idea**--Joe distributed brochures to Ric and to Crystal for Gene.
 - b. **Memorandum of Agreement w/ City of Las Vegas**--Ken has found some examples of language for MOAs and at the appropriate time, Joe will pursue this and wants to bring in a third party to help with the conversation between El Creston and the City.
 - c. **Website**--Cheryl Zebrowski has redone the website and it is online. Mitch will review the language for accuracy.
 - d. **Database project**--Joe has not connected with Jim Peters on this yet.
7. **New business**
 - a. **Review of current and planned funding applications**

- i. **Water Trust Board**--The closing for the \$100K planning and design money El Creston will receive from WTB will be in January at our next board meeting, however they have asked that we move the meeting to January 10, 2013. The Water Trust Board will prepare all of the documents for the closing--resolution, supporting material, legal notice for the newspaper, etc. This material will be sent directly to Ken King for review before the meeting. The invoices for the planning and design work completed by Souder/Miller will be signed by us and the Finance Authority will issue the check directly to Souder/Miller. The money will never go into the El Creston bank account.

The El Creston request for another \$100K from the Water Trust Board for construction of the first phase of the community water system will be reviewed at two levels and, if approved, it will be sent on to the legislature with other approved projects for legislative approval. It will then go to the Water Trust Board at their meeting in April for approval and funding amount.

- ii. **Legislative Capital Outlay**--We'll ask for this as a match for the Water Trust Board funding to take the infrastructure to the fire station. Ramon and Joe have met with Representative Tomas Salazar about the project. They will meet with Senators Campos and Griego keep them abreast of our progress and to see how the senators can support the project.
- iii. **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**-- This is a loan for which we are really ineligible because we have no rate base with which to pay loans back. So we won't apply.
- iv. **BOR (Board of Reclamation)** Joe doesn't believe our application package made it out of the state (this is federal money), but Joe will check on it.
- v. **USDA**--Joe is preparing a template to present for funding to them at the right time.
- vi. **Funding Workshop** This will occur when Ramon, Blanca and Melanie can all meet with us.

b. Water emergency update

- i. **Number of households that have lost water**--Debra Johnson and Brenda Calderon's well has gone dry completely. They have water tanks for storage. They plan on using a water catchment system and require not assistance from El Creston.
- ii. **Status of information gathering**--Joe will check dry well numbers with Gene when Gene returns from Washington.

c. Water hauling

- i. Review of current needs and activities** We need to replace one tire on the truck which will cost \$309 from Garcia Tire. Garcia Tire has an emergency road service and they have a list that Ric will get us on to assist us if we have a flat tire on the road. They will come and change the tire should this occur. When the new tire is put on the truck, Ric will leave the old tire as a spare with Garcia Tire so they will have it if we need to have them put it on the truck.

Ric has also contacted U-Haul to see if we could get a replacement transmission for our truck and learned that they don't have any for a truck this old. He also asked them to put us on the list to be informed about any trucks they plan to retire that we could purchase to replace the current truck.

- ii. Alternate water supplies - Gabaldon (discussion)**--We are going to approach Galaldon MDWCA at Ojitos Frios Village about the possibility of getting water there should the City deny us access to water. Ric will contact Max Lucero about the possibility. They have a standpipe. Joe will also talk with Inez, Secretary for the Gabaldon MDWCA.

- d. Membership drive update/number of members**--We have one new member bringing our membership to 51.

- i. Incomplete applications issues**--We need to start getting quit claims from all members.

- 8. Review action items** Joe will go over the reports with Crystal. Ric will buy a tire. Joe will get Max Lucero's contact information to Ric and will contact Jim Peters about the database. Crystal will work on the purchase of QuickBooks.

- 9. Next regular board meeting will be January 10, 2013, 7 pm.**

- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm Ric/Crystal.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Karyl Lyne, Secretary
El Creston MDWCA**