

10/2/14 Minutes-El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association Board Meeting

1. **Call to order: 7:11 PM..**Proof of Quorum...Ricardo Valencia absent.

Present: Mitch Barker, Dallas Turner, Gene and Linda Solyntjes, Leno Barboa, Chris Baca, Brigido E. Ortega, Crystal Gallegos, Jim Peters, Dave Gallegos, Tommy Ortega, Ramon M. Lucero, Ken King, Carol Macomber, Joe Zebrowski, Lupita Gonzales

2. **Proof of Notice of Meeting:** Posted at usual places and Optic, Charlie's, ELV Post Office.
3. **Approval of agenda:** Joe called for approval. Gene/Crystal....approved
4. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting** –Aug.-8/7 Gene/Crystal...Amendment to minutes of Sept. 4/14- Item 7. B..”Results not in yet” – strike. Change to “Due in November.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** \$10,828 in checking, \$9,331 in savings...combined...\$20, 159.51.
 - a. \$10,000-distribution from Capital Outlay Funds.
 - b. Deliveries- Matt will be paid for September deliverie-18 or 20 estimated.
 - c. Five assessments outstanding for 2012, 16 from 2013, 25 assessments paid for 2014- total of 29. Joe will send reminders.
 - d. \$144.35 paid to LV Diesel – oil change.
 - e. Truck fuel purchase...\$198.14.
 - f. City of LV paid \$314.23 for 8-7-2014
 - g. Hays paid \$10,00.00 for work completed.
 - h. \$124.82 on newsletter printing and postage-Cheryl Z.
 - i. TAP system- Cheryl needs to contact (Taxation and Revenue)-Biennial. Further discussion ensued re: DFA- we need to provide information on their form. Joe thanked Jim Peters for his help.
 - j. Fire Station...We have approved two free deliveries. Further discussion ensued. Water use at this site appears not to have been excessive, but we need to keep tabs on number of deliveries made to the Fire Station.

6. Old Business

- a. **El Creston-CLV discussions.** Joe will meet with individuals re: water to the fire station. Joe, Gene, Ken and Jim met with the city. Covered under 7 b, below.

7. New Business

- a. **Review of current and planned funding applications.**
 - i. **Water Trust Board** – (1) 2012 no reference. (2) 2013- Paying..(3) 2014- Need to with WTB re: costs. 4. 2015- No application submitted.

- ii. **Legislative Capital Outlay**..expended Outlay of \$62,500...Resolution: Gene and Joe are the official representatives for the association. On Oct. 2, Crystal notarized the document...that monies will go toward our current project as needed.
- iii. **USDA**- Joe thanked Gene and Jim for attending the meeting. No feedback given. Used as match for 2014 match funding. We have complied with USDA's request. Gene said that USDA seemed positive about the funds...but \$100,000 -: loan status- according to USDA rules.

b. Water System Phase I Update

- i. **Options for next steps- Discussion** ...Water quality indicates water quality is not good. Temporary cap placed on well for now. Ramon indicated that Hays is waiting for the association to give them direction...Contract is written such as to allow for such problems as have been encountered. Discussion ensued on the water quality issues at 440 and 780 ft...Other technical issues were discussed.
- ii. Joe commented on the issue(s) "Now we are in a process of finding out what our alternatives are...We need to work through the options- benefits, costs, practicality-wise. Re the time factor, the association still has three years to use the funds already approved....After lengthy discussion of the issue, Joe said, "Next step, we need a way to discuss these alternatives with the public. We're still in the fight!"

8. Water emergency update

- i. **Number of households that have lost water**- one, but the well revived.

9. **Water hauling.** 18 or 19 deliveries reported this month.

10. **Membership Drive update/number of members**...Cheryl is working on transferring the paperwork to the State Engineer's Office.

11. **Public Comment:** Discussion ensued re: problems a household had re: needing water...The general consensus was, "No matter what the situation is, we have access to the truck. Call Ricardo or Matt to get water. The city allowed us to fill up the truck at Taylor Well 4, but judgment must be used. Joe will follow up on the issue.

12 **Review action items.** Joe followed up with the city re: drivers, developing a plan and engaging the public on our alternatives.

13.**Next meeting:** Thursday Nov 6, 2014.

14. **Adjourn:** Move to adjourn...Gene/Crystal...Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted....Lupita Gonzales...Recording Secretary