

Minutes- Thurs, 12/4/14

El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association Board Meeting

49 Mirasol Road Ojitos Frios Ranches Subdivision

- 1) Call to order 7: PM by President, Joe Zabrowski. Quorum was established...Ricardo Valenzuela absent. In attendance: Joe Zebrowski, Gene Solyntjes, Cheryl Zebrowski, Carol Macomber, Brigido Ortega, Ann Ortega, Crystal Gallegos, Lupita Gonzales.
- 2) Proof of notice of meeting- postin at usual places and via e-mail.
- 3) Approval of Agenda: modification- vote was taken to accept a bid...moved to Item C in Treasurer's Report. Motion made...Approved Gene/Lupita...Motion carried.
- 4) Crystal moved to table the Minutes of the October and the Nov.20 Meeting... Gene/Crystal....motion carried.
- 5) Treasurer's Report. Crystal reported \$3994.94 in checking and \$9,531.91....total of \$13, 523.85. Crystal then explained all aspects of payments, 14 items on her Treasurer's Report. It was stated that it is not sure that the quarterly report was submitted, but we do know that the annual report was submitted. Added item C- We received quotes for lowest qualified bids by Archibeque for agreed-upon procedures. Joe will contact the Auditor that the bid will be accepted. Moved to accept Treasurer's Report...Gene/Crystal...motion carried.
- 6) Old business
 - a) No El Creston CLV Discussion.
- 7) New Business
 - a) Review current and planned application. Gene went to the funder to obtain permission to change some things.

Change of scope from 2013- to pay for alternatives in planning and design.

- i. Water Trust Board- We received a caveat from them- no construction until we inform them of changes we want.....2013 Change of Scope was approved...2014...Change of Scope- 15% match. In short, The funding application w/USDA was to cover the change of scope, but due to complications with original work, we asked WTB to allow an extension until we know what we must do next. Board DID NOT execute the extension because of complications. (The request for extension was declined.) We can keep current funds to use to explore alternatives. We are also encouraged to apply with an update for the next funding cycle.
 - ii. (1) Legislative Capital Outlay - 2013 funds have been distributed. (2) \$62,000.00 is available for further plans. USDA Application Status is on hold. We are now cleared to do 72 hour pump. We will know what capacity of well pumping is and can address this with the City. We will continue with monitoring area wells to see if there is any impact on them. Testing will be done by Sauder-Miller. Re: construction – costs of doing ditches- Matt Probst will be reimbursed for his costs on Dorothy Road. Joe made a motion made to that effect; Gene/Crystal...carried.
 - e) Membership drive update
- b) Water Phase I Update...

- c) Number of households that have lost water-...none. New Driver is Thomas Chavez. Has been very busy.
- d) Status of information gathering... d) Water hauling...Review of current needs continues. Still have 61 members. No new applications. Mitch and Cheryl Z have been contacting Blue Ridge Area. (next phase)

8. Public Comment: Now that the test is coming back would be the time to attract new members. Various aspects of metering and hook-up have been mentioned. Generally, the reception from those contacted was good.

9. Review action items....Joe will contact the auditor re:; accepting the bid. Joe and Crystal will work on the quarterly budget.

10. Next meeting, Jan 8, 2015.

11. Motion to adjourn....Joe entertained the motion; Gene/Crystal....Meeting adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully Submitted....Lupita P. Gonzales, Recording Secretary