

El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
September 7, 2017 Board Meeting
49 Mirasol Road, Ojitos Frios Subdivision

In attendance: Gene Solyntjes, Cheryl Zebrowski, Dennis Ditmanson, Public: Karyl Lyne, Ken King, Mitch Barker, Linda Solyntjes

- 1 Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum in attendance
- 2 Notices of meeting were posted and e-mailed
- 3 Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. (Dennis/Gene) Motion passed.
- 4 Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from August 3rd with 1 correction. (Dennis/Gene) Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 17th special board meeting. (Cheryl/Gene) Motion passed.
- 5 Treasurer's Report
 - a Crystal was not in attendance.
 - b El Valle contract: Ramon will rewrite the contract indicating that we won't pay them until the system is operational, but we will continue paying for the water hauling services.
 - c CPA-IRS Issues: Dennis, Gene and Ramon will be meeting with a CPA in Albuquerque next week who has expertise with our situation. Ramon has contacted the State Auditor's Office to obtain a letter stating what date we became a government agency.
- 6 Water System Phase I Update
 - a Legal updates. Ken hasn't heard anything about the status of our water rights transfer, nor received official notice that the city dropped their protest.
 - b Corn litigation – Ken filed an answer to the amended complaint, and a motion to dismiss the paragraph dealing with impairment of the aquifer.
 - c Point of Diversion notices were published.
 - d Meter issues
 - i Cheryl brought up the issue that technically 4 members should have paid for their meters, since they joined after the first funding application was submitted. There was some discussion that we need to start collecting the fee from members along the next phase as soon as we are notified of a funding award.
- 7 Funding
 - a Water Trust Board 2018 Application
 - i Joe had proposed that we continue north on Mira Sol to connect 4 people, then go east along the county road to the base of the hill, connecting 5-8 people. Cheryl will contact people along the proposed route to try to get a few more members. There are some issues with the right of way to the gas station, and there are no longer any members in the Blue Ridge area. It was agreed that this was a good plan. Cheryl will see if Joe will work on the application.
 - ii Special meeting next Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 to approve the resolution to authorize the submission of the application to the WTB. We'll also have an update on the meeting with the CPA.
 - b Motion made and seconded to approve amendment 4 to the Scope of Work for the PER for Souder Miller. (Cheryl/Gene) Motion passed.

- 8 Water Hauling
 - a Our Application for Potable Water Hauling Operations was rejected because it was incomplete. Gene will discuss with Ramon.

- 9 Membership
 - a Cheryl will begin contacting people on the county road
 - b Cheryl will send a letter to homeowners who have not yet transferred their membership so that we can clean up our membership list.

- 10 Public Comment
 - a None.

- 11 Review Action Items
 - a Membership letters & contact potential new members - Cheryl
 - b PER needs to be submitted by Gene
 - c Water hauling application list – Gene
 - d El Valle contract - Gene
 - e WTB Application – Gene and Joe

- 12 Next Meeting date: October 5th

- 13 Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Zebrowski, Secretary