

**El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association**  
**October 5, 2017 Board Meeting**  
49 Mirasol Road, Ojitos Frios Subdivision

In attendance: Gene Solyntjes, Crystal Gallegos, Cheryl Zebrowski, Dennis Ditmanson, Public: Karyl Lyne, Jim Peters, Mitch Barker, Linda Solyntjes

- 1 Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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/Cheryl) Motion passed.
- 4 Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup> with the addition of specific location of proposed connections on the WTB application. (Dennis/Gene) Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 14<sup>th</sup>, with two corrections. (Gene/Dennis) Motion passed.
- 5 Treasurer's Report
  - a See attached
    - i The Intuit payroll fee will be rolled into El Valle's bookkeeping services once we start using them.
  - b El Valle contract
    - i Ramon is no longer on the El Valle board, and they have not responded. Crystal will continue to attempt to contact them.
  - c Hiring of CPA
    - i Becerra quoted \$3500. Rhonda's firm, Bearraclough & Assoc. proposed \$900. Motion made to accept Bearraclough's proposal. (Dennis/Crystal) Motion passed. Gene will get a contract from them.
- 6 **Aquifer Mapping Program.** They will install the pressure transducer on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Gene will meet them to unlock the well.
- 7 Water System Phase I Update
  - a Legal updates
    - i There were no protests on the filing of the water rights transfer, but we haven't received anything in writing regarding the transfer of our 3 acre feet.
  - b Corn Litigation
    - i Although Ken was not in attendance, he had reported that Corn has dropped the portion of the suit regarding the easement. We're unsure if the entire suit against El Creston has been dropped. The suit against Gene is ongoing.
  - c Silt from well site
    - i The rain has eroded the ground around pipeline and fire hydrant at Dorothy and Sarah, and the hydrant has tipped over. Gene sent photos and contacted Ramon to have Hayes come and repair it. With all of the rain, we should check all meters for settling.
    - ii Mitch reported that the county did not use Mirasol, and so the culvert under A20 was not replaced. The HOA does not have money to replace it.
  - d Start of system tasks
    - i Need inspection of system
    - ii Contract for El Valle for billing

- iii Notify homeowners that they have 90 days to lay line and hook up and either cap their well or install a meter.
- 8 Funding
- a The Water Trust Board 2018 application was submitted this past Monday. We have the option of doing a very short presentation on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
    - i Cheryl may be able to go and will work with Joe on the presentation.
  - b The amendment to the PER was submitted to NMFA
  - c No other funding at the moment.
- 9 Water Hauling
- a Sal Maese wishes to address the board next month.
  - b We are still below goal of 10 deliveries per month.
  - c Application to the Environment Department was resubmitted by Souder Miller.
- 10 Membership
- a Cheryl will begin talking with members/potential members for the next phase. April Ortega will accompany her since she knows several people.
  - b The draft letter regarding membership transfer was reviewed. Cheryl will send them out this month.
- 11 Public Comment
- a No comments
- 12 Review Action Items
- a Gene will be discussing with Ramon: El Valle Contract, system damage, inspection of truck, system start process
  - b Gene will obtain the contract from Barraclough for CPA.
  - c Gene will contact Ken to get a written statement clarifying the Corn lawsuit.
  - d Crystal will contact El Valle regarding our contract
  - e Membership transfer letters & contact potential new members - Cheryl
  - f Quarterly DFA report is due at the end of October and Jim will submit it. The proposed 2018 budget is due to DFA on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and Jim will work on it for the November meeting.
- 13 Next Meeting date: November 2 at the Zebrowski house
- 14 Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Zebrowski, Secretary

- 1) **Activity Summary** - As of 10/05/17, we have \$2,326.98 available in Checking and \$4,369.92 in Savings with a combined Checking and savings total of \$6,696.90.
- 2) **Deliveries** – Salomon was paid for 8 deliveries with 1 service call for Aug 2017 and 5 deliveries with 1 service call in Sept 2017.
- 3) **City of Las Vegas**- \$210.34 for service period of 06-08-2017 to 7/7/2017 and \$232.28 for service period 7/7/2017 to 08/06/2017.
- 4) **Mora San Miguel Electric** - \$21.37 due 10/4/2017 for service period 7/25/2017 thru 8/23/2017 0 KWH usage.
- 5) **Truck Expenses**- \$89.01 was used for fuel in the month of Sept 2017
- 6) **Expenses paid:** Boost Mobile \$33.03, Monthly Intuit payroll fee paid of \$42.58.
- 7) **El Valle Water Alliance**- \$150.00 to reoccur every month.
- 8) **Upcoming Payments** – \$44,181.74 to Hay's Plumbing which is a pass thorough from NM Environment Department Grant SAP-16-A2291-STB. A deposit was made today with this amount from NMED.