

**El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association**  
**April 5, 2018 Board Meeting**  
25 Coyote Road, Ojitos Frios Subdivision

In attendance: Gene Solyntjes, Cheryl Zebrowski, Dennis Ditmanson, Anna Aragon. Public: Linda Solyntjes, Mitch Barker

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 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. (Gene/Dennis). Motion passed.
4. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from March 8th. (Dennis/Cheryl) Motion passed.
  
5. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Crystal was not in attendance but sent out the monthly report. See attached.
  - b. The letter for a waiver to the Water Trust Board loan payment was mailed this week.
  - c. Jim is sending out the requests for the audit. It is due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  
6. Gene and Dennis attended the El Valle Water Alliance's board meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. It was good to make a personal contact.
  - b. They explained all of the work they do.
    - i. In addition to testing our water, they complete the Consumer Confidence Report, and follow-up on any violation notices.
  - c. We have received a draft contract for the water hauling services at the rate of \$153 per month.
    - i. Motion made and seconded to approved the contract (Dennis/Gene). Motion passed.
  - d. They also provided a draft contract for operating the full system and for bookkeeping services.
  
7. Legal Updates
  - a. Motion made and seconded (Dennis/Gene) to approve hiring Herman Chico Gallegos as our attorney. Motion passed.
  - b. Corn litigation
    - i. Status conference scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15.
  - c. The scheduling hearing regarding the protest of our diversion application was held by teleconference on March 30<sup>th</sup>, with the hearing set for October 30-31. Maureen Dolan, with the Water Rights Division then suggested that we file a motion to dismiss the protest, since this is the second time the protestant did not appear. Anna will contact Maureen.
  - d. The individual water rights transfers were approved by the OSE this week.
  
8. Water System Phase I Update
  - a. Ramon sent a list of items we should get done in preparation for the start of the system. Cheryl will forward it to all board members.

9. Funding
  - a. Water trust Board 2017 application was not approved
  - b. Legislative Capital Outlays - \$45,000 for planning and design of phase II
  - c. NMFA – Planning Funding.
  - d. Cheryl will get a list of all funding projects from Joe.
  
10. Water Hauling-report and review
  - a. Carlos and Charles are working together to get the monthly testing done.
  - b. Denwood and Kristie Laiber live 6 miles beyond the subdivision, and are interested in having water delivered.
    - i. Motion made and seconded (Gene/Anna) to deliver water to them. Dennis proposed that the motion be amended stating that we would deliver water once we obtain the exact mileage and cost. Motion passed.
    - ii. Gene will check the mileage and cost.
  
11. Since there was an interest in having another board member, Dennis proposed the following changes to the bylaws, which must be approved by the membership.
  - a. In Article VI, Section 1 and Section 2, change the wording to “board not to exceed 7 members...” (Gene/Cheryl) Motion passed.
  - b. Cheryl will mail a ballot with the proposed changes to the membership, with the due date of the annual membership meeting.
  
12. Membership Report
  - a. The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Fire Station. Ramon said he will be able to attend to give an update on the system. Cheryl hasn't heard anything back from our government officials.
  
13. Public comment
  - a. Mitch said he would be happy to write up any publicity when we have the system operational.
  
14. Review action items
  - a. Cheryl to get list of funding from Joe
  - b. Dennis will get a clean copy of the El Valle contract to Gene for signature
  - c. Gene check mileage and rates to the Laiber property.
  - d. Anna will work on filing the motion to dismiss the protest to the water diversion application.
  - e. Jim will continue to work on obtaining an auditor.
  
15. Next meeting date: May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Zebrowski, Secretary

- 1) **Activity Summary** - As of 4/05/18, we have \$2,414.87 available in Checking and \$4,970.61 in Savings with a combined Checking and savings total of \$7,385.48.
- 2) **Deliveries** – March 2018 there were 14 deliveries.
- 3) **City of Las Vegas**- \$208.20 for service period of 01-03-2018 to 02/02/2018 was paid.
- 4) **Mora San Miguel Electric** - \$21.37 paid 04/1/2018 for service period 1/25/2018 to 02/20/2018 0 KWH usage.
- 5) **Truck Expenses**- \$97.21 spent on fuel in March 2018. Las Vegas Diesel Repair \$327.60
- 6) **Expenses paid:** Boost Mobile \$30.00 (Last Payment), Monthly Intuit payroll fee paid of \$44.15. Barraclough & Associates \$1,084.38.
- 7) **Upcoming:** NM Finance Auth. \$532.28 June 1, NM Finance Auth. \$5,127.06 June 1, Mountain State Mutual \$ 1,101.00 Sept. Reimbursement to D. Ditmanson \$50.00 retainer for Gallegos Law.
- 8) **Annual Assessments** – There are 52 assessments paid as of 4-05-2018
- 9) **El Valle Water Alliance**- Paid \$153.00