

El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
May 3, 2018 Board Meeting
49 Mirasol Road, Ojitos Frios Subdivision

In attendance: Gene Solyntjes, Cheryl Zebrowski, Dennis Ditmanson, Anna Aragon. Public: Jim Peters, Linda Solyntjes, Mitch Barker, Carol Macomber, Lisa Mattingly

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 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/Anna) Motion passed.
4. Motions made and seconded to approve the minutes from April 5 (Dennis/Cheryl) & Special Board Meeting of April 21. (Anna/Cheryl) Both Motions passed.

5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Crystal was not in attendance.
 - b. Jim gave an overview of how we're doing on our budget.
 - i. Since the assessment letters were mailed so late, they started arriving in January, which should have come in in 2017 so it appears we have more income than we actually do.
 - ii. The savings account is now for our reserve fund.
 - iii. Jim, Crystal, Cheryl & Joe updated the chart of accounts, with Water Operator expenses as a new account.
 - iv. The board should have an intensive budget meeting once we have the system going, preferably in September or October.
 - c. Veronica from El Valle will be meeting with us this Saturday to review our contracts.
 - d. Cheryl submitted the contract for hiring Mr. Archibeque to the state auditor's office which they approved today. Gene will need to sign and get it to Mr. Archibeque.

6. Legal Issues
 - a. Mediation for the Corn suit is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th at 9:00. Anna will be representing Gene. We should contact Chico Gallegos to see who he would like to attend on behalf of El Creston.
 - b. We received the formal notification that the individual water rights were transferred to El Creston. There are a few conditions we will need to meet:
 - i. Wells will either need to be capped or metered for outdoor use
 - ii. Jesus Romero still needs to transfer the well to his name. Cheryl will follow-up with him.
 - iii. Final report and proof of application of Water to Beneficial Use needs to be filed with the OSE before April 5, 2021.
 - iv. We will need to meet with each of the owners to discuss what needs to be done.
 - c. OSE diversion application
 - i. Mr. Corn's motion to intervene to the OSE was denied.

- ii. Anna has not yet filed our motion to dismiss the protest for the water rights diversion application, OSE File No. UP-04675.
- 7. Water System Phase I Update
 - a. The CCR report is due July 1st, and Gene will discuss with Veronica on Saturday.
 - b. Dennis is concerned that we need more hook-ups, so do new members need to give up or purchase ¼ acre water rights, legally? It was pointed out that all current members have done so, at some expense. We need to discuss with Ramon and/or El Valle.
 - c. The PER update was approved by the environment department, and the final questionnaire was submitted along with Souder Miller's invoice.
- 8. Funding
 - a. Our Water Trust Board application for 2017 was denied, so we will apply in 2018.
 - b. Cheryl and Joe wrote up a history of our funding which was sent to all board members.
 - c. We received Capital Outlay of \$45,000 for designing and planning of phase II.
- 9. Water Hauling-report and review
 - a. No report.
- 10. Membership Report
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- 11. Public comment
 - a. Matthew Barboa introduced himself, and wishes to hook up to the system, but doesn't have a well. Cheryl will look into how his parents could transfer ¼ acre foot to him.
 - b. Lisa Mattingly is looking at purchasing property along the county road.
 - c. Mitch reported that the HOA Unit 2 annual meeting is this Saturday.
- 12. Review action items
 - a. Gene to meet with Veronica at El Valle to discuss:
 - i. Contract to start-up system
 - ii. Contract for Bookkeeping
 - iii. Contract for operating the system
 - iv. CCR
 - v. Legal necessity of water rights transfer
 - b. Cheryl to talk to Ramon about water rights transfer and to Jesus Romero regarding transferring the well to his name. Will look into how transfer ¼ acre foot from one person to another for Matthew Barboa.
- 13. Next meeting date: June 7th
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Zebrowski, Secretary