

**El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association**  
**September 6, 2018 Board Meeting**  
49 Mirasol Road, Ojitos Frios Subdivision

In attendance: Gene Solyntjes, Cheryl Zebrowski, Dennis Ditmanson, Crystal Gallegos, Anna Aragon  
Public: Linda Solyntjes, Mitch Barker, Liz Valenzuela

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 with a quorum in attendance.
2. Notices of meeting were posted and e-mailed
3. Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda with item 11 moved to number 5.  
(Crystal/Anna) Motion passed.
4. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from August 2<sup>nd</sup> with correction to Dwinnell's name in item 7c (Dennis/Anna) Motion passed.
  
5. Financial
  - a. Treasurer's report: See attached.
    - i. Road construction costs were approximately \$11,000 because we had to continue north of Sarah
    - ii. Mitch suggested that we put something on the bulletin board thanking those people who made a donation. Cheryl will post something.
  - b. 17 people donated a total of \$8,420. Need to find out if these donations can be tax deductible. Cheryl will check with Jim.
  - c. Assessments should be sent out in September.
    - i. There was a discussion about raising the assessment. We have never raised the fee. Our Administrative costs such as postage, has gone up. Also, now that Ken King is no longer available as our pro-bono, in-house council, we now need to pay an attorney to file any legal papers.
    - ii. Motion made and seconded (Crystal/Anna) to approve an increase in our assessment to \$75. Motion passed
    - iii. Cheryl will mail out the notices.
  - d. We have never received a quote for Bookkeeping services from El Valle. Dennis has volunteered to do billing, and he will work with Crystal to set this up.
  - e. A special meeting for Budget review and development will be scheduled some time soon, pending members' schedule.
    - i. Karen Tapia from RCAC should be involved. Most board members can do it Oct. 12, 18, 19. Cheryl will find out what Jim's schedule looks like, and notify everyone of the date.
  
6. Motion made and seconded (Dennis/Crystal) to adopt the proposed Procurement Policy which mirrors the state's procurement policy. Motion passed
  
7. Corn filed a motion to enforce the settlement agreement. He claims that the road was not fixed, and that the water line has not been removed from his property. Chico Gallegos filed a response, and the hearing will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. The easement agreement was sent to Bourbon for him to get notarized and returned.
  
8. Water System
  - a. Six households are now connected.
  - b. Gene will be reading the meters, and Dennis doing billing.

- c. Sand got in the meters when we drained the system, and so were not working. Gene was able to fix them.
  - d. Cheryl received a response from Wayne Jeffs who said we can combine the Water Hauling and System sampling plan into one. Cheryl is still trying to figure out who should be on the lead samples, because we need 5 homes.
  - e. Still waiting on Sanitary Survey from Mr. Jeffs. The Drinking Water Bureau said we are not in compliance because we needed to submit several water samples. Gene will get with Carlos to obtain them.
9. Water Trust Board Application Timeframe
- a. Cheryl and Gene met with Ramon and Monica on August 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding estimated costs for the next phase, and filing the Notice of Intent, which was submitted the same afternoon.
    - i. We are proposing that we run the line north on Mira Sol to the Calagna property, and east on the county road to the Nolasco property.
    - ii. We would also like to put the fill station at the corner of Mira Sol and county road.
  - b. Motion made and seconded (Crystal/Dennis) to adopt Resolution 2018-06, Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Water Trust Board.
10. Water Hauling-report and review
- a. Deliveries are way down, probably because of the summer rains.
11. Membership Report
- a. Liz and Linda reported that the party is planned for this Saturday, with 29 people RSVPed. Leftovers from Linda's birthday party will also be donated.
12. Public comment
- a. Linda and Mitch attempted to have the "My water is provided by El Creston" signs made locally, but neither sign place seemed to be in business or open. Mitch will go to Santa Fe.
13. Review action items
- a. Cheryl will check with Jim to try to find out about our tax donation and send out assessment letters.
  - b. Cheryl will see if Joe will work on the WTB application
  - c. Gene will get the needed water samples
  - d. Dennis and Gene will go to Wells Fargo to get Dennis as a signatory.
  - e. Dennis and Crystal will work on a billing system.
14. Next meeting date will be October 11<sup>th</sup> since Gene and Crystal won't be here on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Zebrowski, Secretary

- 1) **Activity Summary** - As of 9/06/18, we have \$503.95 available in Checking and \$800.10 in Savings with a combined Checking and savings total of \$1,304.05.
- 2) **Deliveries** – June 2018 -17 deliveries, July 2018 – 8 deliveries and Aug. 2018- 4 deliveries.
- 3) **Truck Expenses**- \$0.00 spent on fuel in August 2018.
- 4) **El Valle Water Alliance**- Paid \$153.00
- 5) **Annual Assessments** – There are 53 assessments paid as of 5-03-2018
- 6) **For all other expenses please see hand outs.**