

El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
March 7, 2019 Board Meeting
49 Mirasol Road, Ojitos Frios Subdivision

In attendance: Gene Solyntjes, Cheryl Zebrowski, Dennis Ditmanson, Anna Aragon, Liz Valenzuela Public:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 with a quorum in attendance.
2. Notices of meeting were posted and e-mailed
3. Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda (Liz/Anna) Motion passed.
4. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 7th. (Dennis/Anna) Motion passed.
5. Financial
 - a. Treasurer's report: See attached
 - b. Quicken and Quickbooks
 - i. Liz proposed that we purchase Quicken at a cost of \$73.16 versus Quickbooks at a price of \$645. Quicken does not include payroll, but Jim will create a spreadsheet.
 - ii. Motion made and seconded to purchase Quicken in lieu of Quickbooks. (Liz/Dennis) Motion passed.
 - c. Water rate discussion:
 - i. Since we raised the annual assessment by \$15, we should consider raising the water rate by \$1.50 to 76.50. We should also think about raising the monthly gallon allotment to 4,000. A couple of people have gone over 3,000 gallons.
 - ii. Water delivery rates – The current \$120 charge is covering our expenses
 - iii. It was decided to delay any decisions on rate increases until we have a full year's worth of data, but will discuss at the annual meeting.
6. Water System
 - a. Carlos was supposed to deliver the lead testing kits this week, but Liz informed us that they didn't receive the kit. Gene will check with Carlos
 - b. Cheryl reminded Gene that he is supposed to report our meter reading on the well monthly.
 - c. Cheryl is now a notary public and will start getting affidavits from customers for the OSE.
7. Souder Miller Contract
 - a. This amendment is for Souder Miller to produce design/construction drawings for the next phase of the project.
 - b. Motion made and seconded to approve Resolution 2019-05 Approval of Amendment 5 to the Souder Miller contract (Cheryl/Dennis). Motion passed.
8. Capital Outlay
 - a. \$50,000 for 2019 was approved, and we may be receiving an additional \$50,000 from the governor's fund which was submitted by Representative Salazar when he provided El Creston's name on a list to the Governor.

- b. Cheryl wondered if we could use some of this to offset the construction costs of the next phase.
9. Water Trust Board Application Timeframe
 - a. Nothing definite to report, although approval is looking good
10. Water Hauling-report and review
 - a. 6 deliveries in February
11. Membership Report
 - a. Discussion regarding the agenda for the March 23rd membership meeting.
12. Public comment
 - a. Mitch sent out the press release, and created something for the bulletin board.
 - b. Liz reported that Laurie Calagna wants a letter from the fire department. Cheryl has asked several times, and will ask again.
13. Motion made and seconded to move to executive session to discuss the Corn Lawsuit (Anna/Liz) Motion passed.
 - a. Moved to executive session at 7:51 p.m. and finished at 8:11 p.m.
 - b. In Attendance were all board members present at the regular meeting.
 - c. Only matters pertaining to the Corn Lawsuit were discussed.
 - d. No action was taken during the Executive Session.
14. Review action items
 - a. Gene has numerous items to discuss with Carlos
 - b. Cheryl will talk with Ramon regarding funding and ask Daniel Atencio for a letter.
15. Next regular meeting date will be April 4th.
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Zebrowski, Secretary

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Treasurer's Items for Regular Meeting 3-7-19

- 1) **Checking account balance ending 2/28/2019: \$3879.13**

Outstanding checks (1): \$

\$600 (Ck 1366)

Current balance: \$3689.26

Savings account balance ending 2/28/2019: \$1,300.23

- 2) **February Water Deliveries: 6** (see attached)
- 3) **February Truck Expenses: 0**
- 4) **Water Payments from January 1, 2019 to current** (see attached)