

**El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 8, 2021 @ 7pm
Via Video Conference**

<https://zoom.us/j/93603021957>

In attendance: Anna Aragon, Dennis Ditmanson, Karyl Lyne, Sebastian Medina, Liz Valenzuela Absent: Matthew Miller, Gene Solyntjes Public: Wendy Leavens, Carol McComber, Jim Peters

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with a quorum present.
2. Notice of the meeting was emailed, in the *Optic*, and posted.
3. Motion (Liz/Sebastian) to approve the agenda passed unanimously.
4. The motion (Liz/Sebastian) to approve the June 3rd Board meeting minutes passed unanimously.
5. Reports
 - a. The Treasurer's report showing 5 June water deliveries, was received. Liz reported the promissory note to El Creston was paid off this month. Water loan payments of \$531.70 on Phase I and 5127.12 on Phase II were paid.
 - b. Water System
 - i. Operator's Reports No operator reports have been received this month. Dennis will talk with Veronica at El Valle about monthly operator's reports and the El Creston contract for their services.
 - ii. El Valle completed the El Creston Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on June 30, for which we will be billed as this was not in our contract with El Valle this year. Karyl sent it to El Creston Customers. **due to NMED and customers by July 1.**
 - c. Funding Update -- No new funding has been requested by El Creston.
 - d. Phase II update-- Activation of the booster station will provide service to the El Creston members north on Mira Sol--Thompson and Macklin.
 - e. Phase III update--Trenching up the fire lane begins soon.
 - f. Membership Report--Anna Aragon needs to complete a second membership form; Eli Gonzales (Lupita Gonzales) on Roadrunner wants to connect; Mr. Cordova on Mira Sol is interested, but may not be able to connect; and Ruth Miriampolski and Christopher Messina (Joe & Cheryl Zebrowski property) wish to connect.
6. Old Business

- a. Electronic Payments Sebastian will get a quote for services from Square.
 - b. Website Management Sebastian will post Board meeting notices, approved minutes and the El Creston CCR on the website.
7. New Business--There was no new business.
 8. Public comment--Carol McComber shared that the Johes have not had phone service for three weeks. She also said Carlos from El Valle can do ditching and plumbing for people who need to get pipes from their water meters on the road to their homes. She also asked about why the CCR comes 'after the fact' and asked how water purity problems are handled. Dennis explained that problems with water purity are handled by the system water operator, Carlos, who tests the water quality every month. El Creston members have to install back flow valves to insure none of their well water gets into the El Creston System as that water would contaminate the system water. Jim Peters complimented the El Creston Board for the efficiency and effectiveness of our board meetings. He also said he will be happy to develop a billing program for El Creston, but wants to look at existing programs to see what they include and what they cost. He will do research and get back to us.
 9. Calendar Review for upcoming tasks-- a) Quarterly Financial Report for Dept of Finance Administration -- Liz & Jim; b) ICIP Resolution (Souder Miller) due in September--Dennis and Matthew; c) remind customers to send in meter reading--Dennis; d) check for grant for audits at www.saonm.org--Liz; e) quarterly WTB Report due--Dennis; f) semi-annual Gross Receipts Taxes due--Liz
 10. Review action items--Dennis will work with El Valle on billing contract, water operator contract and CCR preparation. Sebastian will post minutes and treasurer's report on website. See other items in #9 above.
 11. The motion to hold the next meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom passed unanimously.
 11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karyl Lyne, Secretary