

El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:00 pm

Board meeting

Via Video Conference

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

1. Call to order and proof of quorum - 7:04 PM Attendees: Conrad, Liz, Doug, Gene, Anna.
Guest: Jim Peters, Wendy Leavens, Bonnie Bolton.
2. Proof of notice of this meeting. – Emails, Optic, Board.
3. Approval of Agenda – As sent on Monday. Gen, Liz.
4. Approval of meeting minutes from December 1, 2022 – Liz, Gene.
5. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's report – As submitted. Gross receipts tax likely over \$1000 and with plumbing bill no transfer to savings this month.
 - b. Water System
 - Operator's Report – Need to remove for next month.
 - c. Funding
 - Capital Outlay Award – No updates. Need to connect with Maggie.
 - Water Trust Board – No updates.
 - d. Membership Report – No changes.
6. Old Business
 - a. Asset management plan progress (ICIP) – Need to connect with Maggie.
 - b. Approval of 2023 Budget & Funding Resolutions – Jim reviewed the resolutions, 2023 budget and the 2022 budget vs. actual.
 - Resolution 2023-01 - El Creston Reserve Policy – Adopted (Doug, Anna).
 - Resolution 2023-02 - Loan Reserve Transfer – Adopted (Doug, Gene)
 - Resolution 2023-03 - Capital Reserve Transfer – Adopted (Doug, Anna)
 - Resolution 2023-04 - Maintenance Reserve Transfer – Adopted (Doug, Gene)
 - Resolution 2023-05 - 2023 Budget – Adopted (Doug, Gene)
7. New Business
 - Debriefing of water leak in December - Gene Solyntjes (Document sent to board)

Might look at some additional troubleshooting steps in the future, such as shutting off water to adjacent member to determine where leak is.

Website has been updated with multiple board member's contact information (vs. just Doug's contact as per the meeting announcements).

Fire hydrant near Mira Sol and Dorothy needs to have a gasket replaced and is currently shut off. Could be turned on in case of a fire. Carlos believes that the water was turned on too fast and that caused the hydrant to leak. The plumber was diligent about turning the water on gradually. In the future the valve feeding that hydrant might need to be shut off any time the system has to be shut off and only opened after system is fully charged. Conrad will contact Daniel (Fire Chief) to let him know that the hydrant is currently shut off.

Heater was apparently working in the pumping station when Liz and Rick attempted to place a space heater. Gene asked an electrician to find out if a heater indicator on the pumping station could be configured.

- b. Resignation of meter reader, Dennis Ditmanson – December reading was possibly his last time, but he is willing to show someone the route in January. One option might be to pay El Valle (Carlos) to read the meters but he is probably too busy to take care of it. It is about 3 hours per month. An individual would be paid on a "1099". \$50/month would be a bit more than minimum wage. A fair rate would probably be \$75-\$100/month. Doug moved & Gene seconded that we offer \$75/month - approved. Gene will contact El Valle tomorrow. If they cannot assist Doug will send out a notice to membership and Gene will place a notice on the community board. We may end up doing the reading on a rotating basis.
8. Public comment – Wendy told us that we are "awesome." – A bit of discussion was held about possibly moving public comment to earlier in the meeting. It was decided to keep it at the end.
9. Calendar Review for upcoming tasks
10. Next meeting date: Thursday, February 2, 2023
11. Adjourn – Gene, Liz. 8:42 PM