

Echo Lake Water District Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/20/07

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Pascoag Utility Community room

253 Main St

Pascoag, RI

In attendance Roger Ackley, Glenn Coutu, Paul Brais, Dave Theberge, Brian Bicki.

Raymond Trinque moderating the meeting.

William Bernstein ESQ

Tom Nicholson representing C&E engineering, working for the district.

Meeting officially opened at 7:10pm.

Roger Ackley who is treasurer, gave his financial report.

He reported that there are a few outstanding water bills and late notices have been sent out to those in the rears.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURERS REPORT AS READ.

THE MOTION WAS PASSED.

ELECTIONS

An election was held for Board of Directors.

Nominated for President was Brian Bicki.

Nominated for Treasurer was Roger Ackley

They were voted in unopposed and the term is for 3 years.

Nominated for Secretary was Glenn Coutu

Nominated for

They were voted in unopposed and the term is for 2 years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Nicholson who is the engineer for the district comments on the state of distribution system , and some of the issues that were encountered by Park Side Construction.

Park Side needed to return and clean up punch list items that were brought up by Ed Brennan, who is our licensed operator.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO DISCUSS AN ISSUE AT DAVE THEBERGE'S HOUSE.

THE MOTION WAS GRANTED.

The issue Dave had was that contractor had installed his curb side shut off on his neighbors property instead of his own. Dave's concern who will pay the cost for moving this curb shut off?

The board did not have an answer for him at this time, but suggested we hold back monies from Park Side until this gets resolved.

Motion then was closed and accepted.

Tom Nicholson goes on to explain that the Operation of Water System and Distribution are working fine and no major issues at this time. Tom did mention that a 2nd Distribution Tank will be needed in the future for a back up. Tom also had some other recommendations; Do some landscaping and paving around pump house. And installing security fence around the building.

Tom mentioned the fact we have \$1700.00 left from the USDA grant, and we could use it for these projects.

Brian Bicki states that he did inquire a fence company about a price quote, he was told roughly \$4500.00. this was from NO. Smithfield fence company.

Ed Brennan had spoken about getting quotes from 3 different paving companies.

PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE

Tom Nicholson goes on to explain to the members of district what the break down of the proposed rate structure will look like. Tom presents a placard with a breakdown of all the expenses that the District will accrue throughout the next year 2007/2008. He called it a Budget Review.

The total operating budget for 2007/2008 is \$51, 775.96.

This total includes Energy costs, Debt service(FED GOVT, Town of Glocester)

Reserve fund, insurance, supplies, operator costs (ED Brennan), chemicals for water,

Electricity for pumphouse. Legal and engineering fees.etc.

This equates to \$248/qtr per house hold. This was rounded up to \$250.00.

This figure was computed by dividing the total expanses by the total number of customers on the system. The total customers as of right now is 52.

A question was raised about insurance for the district. William Bernstein gladly answered that question, stating it would be around \$5000.00/ year.

COMMENTS ON BUDGET

Brian Bicki asks a question about District water lines running through property but the people are not using the water. Do we have the power to charge them a fee?

William Bernstein answer was we do have that power as a water district.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO RECONVEN THE MEETING

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

Brian Bicki states that we need to vote on the water rate increase.

As it stands the price of water is \$200/ qtr. We would like to increase

to \$250.00/ qtr.

To cover our budget for up coming year.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO INCREASE THE QTR. PAYMENT FROM
\$200.00 TO \$250.00.**

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm

Notes taken by Glenn Coutu