

**Special Hearing for Rate Structure Revisions by the Board of Directors of the
Pinewood Springs Water District's Water Enterprise.**

April 23, 2003

Attendance: The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:
Andy Sharp, Mark Upton, Meg Rotan, Jim Wendell and Win Knechtel. Also present
were Gabriele Benson, Frank Novak, Carl Pender, Kirk and Pan Ping, Dick Gormly.
Ardean Johnson, Jim Neener, Ed Grape, Vic and Linda Mootsey, Kent Brinkler, Larry
Davis, Doris McKiel, Dick Wilcox, Eric Marlee, Carl Volk, Sue Jackier, Don Duchow.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Sharp at 7:09 p.m.

Discussion by Andy on issues.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider changes to the rate structure in the Rules and Regulations. Specifically: 1) Should all properties that have or could have taps pay monthly service charges for system maintenance and replacement? 2) Should the monthly charges for infrastructure replacement be added to the cost of purchasing a tap?

A consensus from all Board was as follows:

- 1) Pre paid taps should contribute to monthly water charges.
- 2) Non paid taps should have no charges assessed except to pay additional tap fee assessments relating to monthly infrastructure replacement fees.

Comments from Public:

- 1) Carl Volk – suggested that a fee schedule be setup to pay as you go for additional tap fee increase in future.
- 2) Kent Brinkley suggested that a special letter be sent to all involved parties outlining the Board's recommendations on taps.
- 3) Linda Mootsey suggested a payment plan for taps over approximately a three year period and should be paid in full before installing the tap.

Andy Sharp suggested we table any final decision on tap issues to allow further communication with the community.

Andy Sharp called the Hearing to an end at 8:12 p.m.

Regular Meeting Opened 8:12 p.m.

Win Knechtel to obtain recent revisions to rules and regulations for infrastructure rate structure to Gabi Benson, as soon as possible.

New Customer Issues: No issues presented.

Update on Drought Mitigation Plan:

1. NCWCD – Andy Sharp suggested that any individual wanting to join NCWCD leave their name and phone No. on list to be passed around at this meeting. Jim Wendell reported no dissents to join NCWCD at this point.

2. Water Rights – Andy Sharp reported that Ronni Sperling was in agreement with purchasing CBT Shares. Ronni will contact McLaughlin Engineers about the water availability study with an estimated fee of \$9,000. Ronni feels this is too high. She will try to negotiate the fee. Sharon Israel thinks we might get money from State to pay for this study.
3. Fund Raising – Andy Sharp suggested we need to get plan on how to obtain funding. He suggests we have a Board member take on an assignment to coordinate with various lending sources for funding. This will be done after the Board has selected the final reservoir plan. Frank Novak will do initial legwork on obtaining funding issues with various funding agencies.
4. Engineering Feasibility Study – Carolyn Herman had some concern about water rights. It is now not a concern since anyone can have rights but will have low priority.

Infrastructure Replacement;

1. Sioux Road Line – Carl Pender has contract from Precision Drilling for work to be started by end of May. They will drill and blast road. Carl will remove rock, lay pipe and backfill.

Motion: By Jim Wendell for Water Board to appropriate a maximum \$13,600 for blasting for Sioux Road Project.

Seconded: Win Knechtel

Unanimously Approved.

2. Grape Spring - Carl Pender indicated that the waterline from spring box to well is no good and needs replacement. See Carl Pender writeup attached.

Motion: by Win Knechtel to authorize Carl Pender to spend up to \$1,000 for upgrading Grape spring system including new taps for Mr. Grape and neighbour, backfilling and new piping.

Seconded by Jim Wendell

Unanimously Approved.

Andy Sharp recommended that Carl Pender review cost of upgrading wells and feasibility to use them. Carl Pender will make a presentation to the Board at a later meeting. Also, Carl Pender needs to come up with costs to make changes to infiltration gallery and then contract McLaughlin Engineers to do an engineering study for the infiltration gallery.

Carl Pender indicated that the Health Department will pay the \$4,000 engineering and construction costs associated with alteration/repair to the infiltration gallery.

Web Page: Jim Wendell would like to keep Web 1000 for now. If it does not get more reliable then we should go to a paid provider for a more reliable system.

Cell Phones: No new information at this time.

Reports: See attached reports to minutes.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion: to approve minutes of 3-1-03 and 3-26-03 as amended.

Unanimously Approved.

Motion: to adjourn by Win Knechtel

Unanimously Approved.

Meeting adjourned 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Win Knechtel, Secretary