

**September 28, 2005**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Of the Pinewood Springs Water District's Water Enterprise**

**Special Hearing**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Those present were board members Andy Sharp, Mark Upton, Pam Ping, Bob Warner, and Dan DeKrey. District employees Carl Pender and Gabi Benson were also present. District customers present were Bob Shaw, Donna Drabousky, G W Pettit, Tory Fogerty, Pat and Susan Little, Eric Marler, D A Allen, Gary Clements, Rich Troiano, Linda Mootzen, P Kamholts, and Tom Adams.

The purpose of the special hearing was to present to the public possible rate changes for water usage by a single customer/tap over 6000 gallons per month. The considered changes are as follows:

- \$10.00 per hundred gallons for anything over 6000 gallons
- First offense--Warning letter
- All subsequence offenses \$100.00 fine for 6000-7000 gallons
- \$ 250.00 fine for 7000-9000 gallons
- \$ 500.00 fine for 9000 and over

This would be per lifetime per customer.

**Customer comments:** All present were in favor of the changes to the rate structure and thought that maybe even stronger measures were in order to try to keep usage below 6000 gals. The board explained that we could revisit the issue if these changes don't curb the high usage.

The special hearing was closed at 9:28 pm.

**Regular Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 pm.

**The board reviewed the rules and regulations and noted the changes that would be made to include the new high-usage fees.**

**Motion:** Mark moved to change the rules and regulations to include the new high usage fees to begin with the October billing. Bob seconded. Further discussion-None. **Passed unanimously.**

**Change in the Rules & Regulations Appendix A. Section 9:** Water usage by an EQR in excess of the average allowed by the augmentation plan (6000 gallons per month) will be subject to an excessive usage fee as defined below:

- First offense--Warning letter
- Additional offenses will be based on usage:
- 6001-7000 gallons will result in a \$100.00 fine
- 7001-9000 gallons will result in a \$250.00 fine
- Greater than 9001 gallons will result in a \$500.00

This is a lifetime accrual for offenses. The customer will be scheduled for a hearing at the following regularly scheduled Board meeting for consideration of charges and/or disconnection of services.

**New Customer Issues:** Mr. Marler asked why he was frequently losing water pressure at his home. Carl explained that because of his location in the system, when we are hauling water and we have to pump the hauled water up to the high zone tanks and then into the low zone tanks, this causes loss of pressure in his area.

**Water Hauling:** Carl had McDonald Farms start hauling an extra three loads of water a day because usage has not dropped and our reserve is getting very low. The board discussed whether we should implement a fine for usage over 100 gals per day while we are hauling water.

**Motion:** Pam moved to set up a fine of \$250.00 for usage over 3500 gallons per month (pro rated for the days of the month that water is hauled) per EQR while we are hauling water. Bob seconded. Further discussion-None. **Passed unanimously.**

### **Update on the Drought Mitigation Plan**

1. ACOE/FWS: The Army Corp sent a rep to look things over and they want more information to answer the EPA's requirements.
2. Historical issues: Pam received a call from Robin Stitzell, she did the history of Pinewood Springs, and she said that she may be able to provide us with the necessary documentation.
3. Pipeline: ASCG has signed the contract for the pipeline bid documents. They are working on finalizing the environmental report.

### **Reports:**

1. Administrative Clerk: Please see attached report.
2. Water Superintendent: Please see attached report. Carl says the HAA5 and the THM's will be under next month and we will be in compliance by the second quarter next year. We also ask Carl to contact Ronnie and have her review the reports from the Big Elk Water District to make sure everything is legitimate.
3. Treasurer: Please see attached reports. Gabi was given her review and received high marks in all areas and was praised for her work with the customers. Carl was given his review and received high marks.

**Motion:** Mark moved to increase Gabi's pay to \$11.00 per hour. Pam seconded. Further discussion-None. **Passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** Pam moved to increase Carl's pay by 5%. Bob seconded. Further discussion-None. **Passed unanimously.**

4. Approval of August Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and corrections made.

**Motion:** Mark moved to accept the August minutes with the recommended corrections. Bob seconded. Further discussion-None. **Passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** Mark moved to close the meeting at 10:49 pm. Bob seconded. Further discussion-None. **Passed unanimously.**

**Respectively submitted by  
Dan DeKrey, Secretary of the Water Board**