



Tesuque Water Association (TWA) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Board Members Present: Joseph Riggs, President; Lisa Bick, Vice President. Dominick De Santis, Treasurer; Allen Lewis, Secretary; Robert Martinez.

Board Members Not Present:

Members Present:

Non-Members Present: Krys Nystrom (presenting)

Operator Present: Rudy Martinez

Bookkeeper Present: Ana Berry

1. Call to Order by Joseph at 5:35pm
 - a) Verification of Quorum, verified by Joseph.
2. Formal approval of Feb 8 2016 membership meeting minutes
 - a) Motioned to approve by Joseph, seconded by Allen. Approved unanimously by show of hands.
3. Krys Nystrom Fire Wise presentation
 - a) Non-profit called Wildfire Network. Rates homes for fire risk and created Firewise Project which Tesuque is involved in now.
 - b) Grant is available to help thinning around properties but must apply by June.
 - c) NFL (Non-Federal Lands) grant is available for 3yrs to help what properties served by TWA may need to help be Firewise. They will assess and approve contract. NFL would pay most and leftover share would be split by all local homeowners involved. Would be a good project since fire fighting could be very depleting of our water supply and of course very damaging and potentially life-threatening.
 - d) 3rd grant available takes effect June 2017.
 - e) More info online www.wildfirenetwork.org can also contact Krys krys@wildfirenetwork.org 505-780-1082

4. Financial Report (Domenick)
 - a) All okay according to Ana and Domenick
 - b) El Nido billing and account update
 - i) One full month of water usage now available so it was averaged for total due over three months.
 - ii) Water suppression meter. \$30mo administrative fee is all that is paid. Two meters types of meters available, one total flow, another for excess of 5GPM. Meter is \$3847 for 5GPM and above. It is \$6823 for full flow meter. This meter cost would take 30+yrs to recoup at \$30mo fee.
 - iii) May only need to add detector check meter to show if any leaks but if major flow, such as fire use, is bypassed so either way there is no detection of water used for fire suppression therefore board has decided not to proceed with any meters on El Nido's fire suppression system.
 - c) Possibility of raising of rates 3%~5%.
 - i) Ana reports that 3% would bring in \$1657 more per year. 5% is \$2762
 - ii) Board thinks it's not time for this until Well#1 is ready and we have total costs needed for bringing Well#1 online so extra funds needed can be explained as needed for backup and in case Well#2 problems and to ensure adequate supply in case of fire. We are lucky to have backup water available and to be able to control our water costs locally. SF is facing yet more water rate increases.
5. Bookkeeper report (Ana)
 - a) Need to renew system insurance which is paid once a year. Rudy and Ana can complete Friday 9 March. Joseph will sign when done. Board member insurance recently paid.
6. Water operator's report (Rudy)
 - a) 2/3/17 Exchanged meter at El Nido.
 - b) 2/22/16 Locate at 4B Arroyo Griego as required prior to digging work.
 - i) Board asked Ana to include reminder about notifying one-call for locates in next bill.
 - c) 2/28/17 Meters read and recorded on time.
 - d) No Other activities to report this month.
7. Old business
 - a) Well #1 next steps (Rudy)
 - i) Estimated cost to rehabilitate. Estimate from last July 2016 reviewed and it was decided at that time to wait until spring 2017.
 - (1) Allen motioned to proceed, Lisa seconded. All approved by unanimous show of hands.

- ii) When completed, Well#1 will be setup and ready to go for immediate switch should our Well#2 fail or if additional water is needed for emergency use.
 - iii) Well#1 will be run periodically to test equipment and flow and water quality tested as required by state.
 - b) 50% payment due now and 50% will be due upon completion which is expected to be late summer of this year.
 - c) Exposed Water and Gas lines on Arroyos Griego and Pequeno after heavy precipitation and grading by S.F. County.
 - i) SF County Public Works dept informed our attorney that work will begin to replace removed sand with packed dirt to bring to appropriate levels for pipe protection. Dirt compacts and holds better.
 - (1) Is this on county maintenance calendar and if so, when scheduled?
 - (a) Eric at county says he expects to have enough proper fill dirt by early spring to cover and pack Arroyo Griego and bring level up to safely cover water and gas lines.
8. New Business
- a) Results of water testing at Joseph Rigg's home (Rudy)
 - i) Must test for e-coli and coliform bacteria. All okay. Lead and Copper is tested every 3years. Last test was summer 2015, next due summer 2018.
 - ii) Homeowners can call Hall Environmental labs to get self-test kit. 505-345-3975.
Website: www.hallenvironmental.com
 - b) Robert P. Martinez motioned to adjourn. Lisa seconded. All agreed. Adjourned 7:10pm

Next Board Meeting April 12, 2017 5:30pm