



South Weber Water Improvement District

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Minutes for the South Weber Water Improvement District Board Meeting held Tuesday, February 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Water District Building. Board members in attendance included Darren Hess, Cindi Mansell, Nate Reeve, and Jan Ukena, and Sherry Poll. Ms. Dahl was excused. Maintenance: Freddy Loertscher and Wayne Stark. Rob Osborne was also present at the meeting.

Minutes approval from the January 18, 2023, board meeting

Mr. Reeve moved to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. Mansell. Motion carried. Ms. Ukena abstained because she thought there should have been a change, but she couldn't remember.

Maintenance Report and Business

-Mr. Loertscher reported that Connex Internet Service has been working in several areas of South Weber and maintenance has spent about 4 days blue staking those areas. He said they have one more area in a month and then they will not return for another 2-3 months.

-Mr. Reeve suggested that Mr. Loertscher or Ms. Dahl check on the Connex Insurance Policy to verify the length of the coverage on their installations.

-Mr. Loertscher checked on the Mountainland account for the reimbursement of credit the District has on their account. There was a purchase of \$75.00 that was showing on the Accounts Receivable, which Mountainland doesn't pay with customer credit. Their office will subtract the \$75.00 from the credit on file and send a check to the District.

-Discussion about the bid for xeriscape at the District Office. Mr. Loertscher has all the measurements. Mr. Reeve checked with the South Weber City Manager and found that there isn't anything in the City code to restrict us from xeriscaping. Ms. Ukena is opposed and doesn't feel that the Water District needs to remove the grass even though the District must use culinary water to water the property. Mr. Reeve asked Mr. Loertscher to have the bids include itemized costs for weed barrier and 2 or 2 ½ rock. Some green could be installed with a drip system and possible shade trees and a few shrubs.

-Mr. Loertscher still hasn't heard back from Mountainland on the 6 faulty meters.

Resolution for Invoicing through Davis County

Resolution #68 regarding the transfer of Annual Secondary Water Assessment Billing was presented for discussion and approval.

- Ms. Ukena was under the impression Ms. Dahl wanted to go with Davis County for invoicing because she couldn't get good billings out of the condos in sandalwood. There

are no meters to those and we should be billing the property owner association. Ms. Ukena doesn't see the need and would not support the change to Davis County. That is why we hired a secretary – to do the billings in the winter when they don't have anything to do. She feels her property tax bill is high enough – and the district pays Wendy to do them.

-Mr. Hess stated that's how Weber Basin has billed their customers for years. Mr. Reeve explained the issues we are having, that we are trying to make people's lives easier and ours.

-Mr. Rob Osborne, a customer, doesn't love it on his taxes or paying twice in the first year when there is a small window for watering. He said when the district hired the consultant to do the rate study, a consultant never comes back to say we don't need to charge more money. They never study whether or not to reduce rates.

-Ms. Mansell talked about the savings associated with not having to pay Paypal fees. Mr. Osborne suggested that the District tack on credit card fees and quit doing paypal.

-Mr. Hess said Pineview Irrigation bills the same way. He said the Board has considered options and felt this change will be in the best interest of the District...at least for this time or until billing is based per usage. He said at that time, the District may have to assume monthly billings (once the district is metered).

-Mr. Osborne said he feels like the community will come unglued at this change. He said his main beef was that he doesn't want to pay twice the first year.

-Mr. Hess said the Board understands the first year will be difficult. He discussed the fee collection and the timing issues and said the District is trying to collect the most money in the most economical way possible.

-Ms. Ukena asked why we are fixing the problem for people that don't pay – what about those that do.

Mr. Hess said the district pays Weber Basin up front for the watering year. There is a flat rate contract for how much water have with district. Once used, that is shut off.

Ms. Poll moved to accept and adopt Resolution #68 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Mansell. All approved except Ms. Ukena who voted Nay.

Review of Financials, Invoice Approval, and 2023 Budget

-Review of all monthly financial statements and approval of invoices. Mr. Reeve asked for an updated Customer Account Balance report for next meeting to discuss what the District can do to facilitate collection before turning the invoicing over to Davis County.

New Business – Board, Office Manager

- Ms. Ukena brought up a question of Board Member qualifications regarding Mr. Reeve and referred to the fact that residential means houses. The District's historical intent was for people who live in a house in the district to serve on the board. Ms. Ukena wants Mr. Reeve to resign from board.

-Mr. Hess fully reviewed the issue with Ms. Dahl and reviewed the language in the state code. He felt the language fulfills the State Statute. Mr. Reeve has a home in the District, serviced by the Water District at that location and he can complete his term. He was voted in and remains willing to serve, he has expertise that is necessary and relevant to the work we do and is a valuable asset to the board based on his line of work and knowledge.

-Mr. Reeve said he owns a home within the District; it is a residential structure in a residential zone. He does not rent the home out but maintains and frequents the home. It has a full kitchen and bedrooms, no different than any other second home. His home uses District water. His position on the Board is volunteer and he puts his time in and not for

compensation. He has enjoyed serving and would like to continue helping the community.

Discussion of Board Member qualifications. Mr. Hess read, out loud, the State Code 17B-1-302(2) "Seasonally Occupied Home" means a single-family residence:

- (A) that is located within the local district;
- (B) that receives service from the local district; and
- (C) whose owner does not reside permanently at the residence but may occupy the residence on a temporary or seasonal basis.

Mr. Reeve fulfills all obligations for seasonally occupied home.

-Ms. Ukena said she is not in mindset to understand the position. Bylaws, rules, and procedures are being ignored.

-Ms. Poll doesn't feel that any of us should be harboring ill will or feelings, that Mr. Reeve is a vital part of this board. His understanding as an engineer by trade is valuable and she is and so appreciative of the expertise. It would be a grave loss for the District as a whole to have him resign.

-Mr. Hess stated that he reviewed the policies and procedures and bylaws and there were no restrictions listed. If Mr. Reeve did not have a home in the district, it would be a different situation.

-Ms. Ukena is going to stand on precedence and that is they live here.

-Mr. Reeve will be out of town for the March 8th meeting.

Adjourn

**Ms. Poll moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Mansell.
Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.**

Ms. Dahl was absent from the meeting. Minutes were taken by Co Chair, Ms. Mansell. Respectfully submitted by the South Weber Water Improvement District Clerk on this 8th day of March 2023 for Board review and approval.

Wendy Dahl District Clerk