



South Weber Water Improvement District

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Minutes for the South Weber Water Improvement District Board Meeting held Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Water District Building. Board members in attendance included Darren Hess, Cindi Mansell, Sherry Poll, and Jan Ukena. Nate Reeve was excused. Maintenance: Wayne Stark was present, Freddy Loertscher was excused. Customer Doug Dahl was also in attendance.

Minutes approval from the July 12, 2022, board meeting

Ms. Mansell moved to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. Poll. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report and Business

-Mr. Stark reported on two leaks, not belonging to the District, that were fixed. Water was shut off temporarily for a few customers.

-We are receiving more complaints of customers watering when they shouldn't be. Maintenance has been following up on the complaints.

-Mr. Stark suggested that we wait until the water is shut off to start installing meters. There are several locations where water would need to be shut off for the whole street. Mr. Hess agreed and stated that we would like to get our ARPA loan in place first as well.

-Discussion about Cities and Churches watering schedules. There were no exceptions made for Cities and Churches. They follow the same schedule as posted for individual customers according to their addresses. They should have enough sprinklers and pressure to get through their properties with the currently set schedules.

-Mr. Hess stated that our customers are doing well overall with conservation.

Mr. Stark was excused.

Complaint on Agricultural Watering for Parcel 13-293-0032

Agricultural, City, Church, Park water restriction clarification

Ms. Ukena received a complaint about the watering on parcel 13-293-0032 and sent an email to the board on July 13, 2022 prior to the meeting. The item was added to the agenda for discussion and Mr. Dahl, owner of the parcel, was notified and attended the meeting.

Ms. Ukena stated she was under the impression that all agriculture properties were cut 20% and that our maintenance team had talked to other farmers about how they were cutting their 20%. She didn't know if they had talked to Mr. Dahl or not. The board hasn't asked for or required reporting from agricultural users on their 20% cuts.

Mr. Dahl asked if there was any more specific information about the complaint and Ms. Ukena stated there wasn't, just people wanting to know where the 20% was being cut. Mr. Dahl thanked the board for their work and efforts as board members. He stated: "I believe it is incumbent on us to educate our neighbors about a farmer. There is no one that wants to conserve water more than a farmer. If there is no water, there are no farms. When I heard this complaint, I looked at my watering schedule. I had watered 8 times in the month of June out of 30 possible days. I've done other things that help cut my 20%. I cut my pressure down from the valve. I could open it up and run 25 or more sprinkler pipes which would cut my neighbors pressure as well. In doing that it takes me 8 sets to get across my piece of property. In June I cut, baled, and hauled so that piece of property didn't see a drop of water in two weeks. I think we need to educate people. They look out their window and see that water going for 8 days straight but it is moving from piece to piece, and it doesn't get back to the beginning piece for 8 days. I shut it off on Saturday evening and it doesn't get set up again until Monday evening. So, in the best case scenario, that first piece of water doesn't get watered again for 8 days, and when I'm harvesting, it's up to two weeks. When farmers cut 20% they are also cutting their yield in animals and feed as well. It's not just about the grass, it's cutting the number of animals and feed they can raise."

Ms. Poll stated that it sounded like Mr. Dahl has done extra, above and beyond what he should do to make his crop work and to do his part and to cut back. She personally didn't find any fault in what he is doing. Mr. Dahl appreciated the comment.

Mr. Hess stated this is a good opportunity for the Board to educate customers about farmers and how agricultural watering works.

Ms. Poll stated that the board should be made aware of who makes the complaints so that they can be addressed properly, and customers educated. If a board member can't address the complaint, it should be handled by the Chairman.

Mr. Dahl expressed appreciation to the board, was thanked, and excused.

-Discussion on guidelines regarding agricultural property sizes. Over an acre can be considered agricultural if the property is growing agricultural products. Watering sod only, regardless of property size, would be held to the same water restrictions as other properties.

Lofts at Deer Run Plan Approval

The Lofts at Deer Run project submitted their updated plan and approval from the City on their project.

Ms. Poll moved to approve the Lofts at Deer Run Plans. Seconded by Ms. Mansell. Motion Carried.

-Ms. Dahl will send a plan approval letter by email.

Meter Usage Reports

-Meter usage reports were reviewed. Mr. Hess visited several customers who were overusing. The maintenance team was assigned to visit some as well.

-Ms. Dahl reported that she met with Greg from Weber Basin Water Conservancy District and went over the process of creating water usage reports. Greg needs to do some work on the back end of the program, and the District will need to finish inputting acreage in the system for the newly installed meters. Ms. Poll will help with this process in the future.

ARPA Grant Funding Update

The Board of Water Resources committed ARPA grant funds and authorized a loan of up to \$933,000 at the annual rate of 1% to the South Weber Water Improvement District to install secondary water meters. The Board of Water Resources will provide 70% of the eligible project costs as an ARPA grant.

For the ARPA grant funding, the board will need to hire a bond attorney and put together a bid package for the meter mapping projects. Mr. Hess did request money in the application to cover those costs and the District would get reimbursed. Mr. Hess will spearhead this project and keep the board updated.

Review of Financials and Invoice Approval

Review of all monthly financial statements.

- Ms. Dahl reported on using Credit Cards vs Debit Cards on the AFCU account. Credit Cards would require a personal guarantor. The board would like Ms. Dahl to contact the bank and change the debit cards to the Petty Cash account, which carries a smaller balance.

-Ms. Dahl will take care of switching the cards.

-Ms. Dahl reported on the costs to hire a company for the State Compliance Agreed Upon Procedures Report.

Ms. Poll moved to approve \$2,500 to hire Child Richards CPA's & Advisors to complete the Agreed Upon Procedures Report for the District. Seconded by Ms. Ukena. Motion Carried.

New Business - Board, Office Manager

Ms. Ukena won't be in attendance at next month's meeting.

Adjourn

Ms. Mansell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. Poll. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by the South Weber Water Improvement District Clerk on this 14th day of September 2022 for Board review and approval.

Wendy Dahl District Clerk