

## Annual Meeting of the Westside Water Association

May 19, 2022      Remote via Zoom

Board members attending: President Adrian Witherspoon, Vice President Jeff Thurlow, Secretary Richard Perret

Board members absent: Treasurer Pat Call, At Large Jim Cross

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Total association members needed to achieve a quorum: 59

Total WWA members attending or represented by proxy: 83

Quorum is achieved

-2021 Minutes and Special Bylaw Change Meeting Minutes–Richard

Meeting minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting and from 3/16/22 Special Bylaw Change Meeting were both approved and are posted on the website.

-Treasury Report–Jeff Thurlow presented Treasurer Pat Call's report

Highlights include an annual sales increase of about \$20,000 due to hot dry weather in summer 2021. Also noted: the CAR account provided funds for the Back 40 well acquisition and development, effectively a loan by the Association to the Association and that those funds will be replaced over time through combination of new share sales and temporary surcharge. Costs increased in areas of System Management, legal, engineering, and electrical service. On the positive side, sales exceeded our previous record year (2018-19) by about \$9,000.

Proposed Fiscal Year 22-23 Budget includes an anticipated 6% increase in CPI and a corresponding increase in water rates to members of 6%. Island Water Management will receive a 4% contract increase.

Capital Asset Replacement projects planned in 22-23 include 2 large projects: a replacement of a 4" pipe on Cove Rd (estimate \$60,000) and a replacement of a 3" steel line from 119th to Westside Hwy (estimate \$47,500).

IRS inquiries into WWA finances appear at this time to all be resolving favorably.

A question was raised regarding Balance Sheet information. Those numbers were brought up for everyone to view. We have just under \$230,000 in assets with a \$27,000 liability due to KCROW.

Further detailed information about budget and finances is available on the website.

–Financial Review–Sunny Speidel

Sunny conducted a financial review of our system and concluded that we are in a stable position. She noted that water sales increases are beneficial. She did also note that we need to continue to build funds to cover increases in maintenance and old main replacements. Adrian thanked Sunny and our other volunteers.

## –President's Report–Adrian Witherspoon

Adrian noted that the Bylaw Change Amendments were a big achievement with a great deal of thought and work going into making them happen. The Committee in particular did much work in many meetings to be able to make their recommendations. In addition, the Bylaw meeting late last summer became strongly opinionated and led to a survey of members from which we could consolidate the main concerns and questions. This led to recommendations from the Committee to the Board. One key point out of all this was to release the first set of shares (4 shares) and then pause 2 years before releasing any more shares in order to observe any impacts on the system. A large informational package about all the changes was mailed out in March. At the Proposed Bylaw Changes Meeting in March, 117 members were present, and all the Bylaw Changes were approved.

Moving ahead, the Board will host an informational session regarding the share sales process.

Adrian thanked everyone for input leading to the Bylaw changes.

David Hawkins thanked Adrian and the Board for guiding the Bylaw Changes and new share sales process thus far.

## –Manager's Report–Doug Dolstad

Doug said he is thankful for what he gets to do with Westside Water members. He suggested checking the Small Water System Plan on the WWA website to learn history and information about the system.

A new ACH payment system is coming to allow direct payments from bank accounts. Stay tuned.

The system is improving its overall infrastructure. Doug mentioned the importance of community. For example, Chuck Keller, a new member, gave us some valuable electrical advice. Doug thanked Stacey, our former bookkeeper, and added that our new bookkeeper is working well with us. Doug is also working to plan someone to replace his services when he retires.

John Candy raised a question regarding the water quality of the Back 40 well and how that will impact the system quality. Doug responded that with all the sources we now have we are able to blend to such an extent that even with peak period usage the water quality will be maintained and not equal quality concern levels. The Board also has the right to control new shares and not release them at any point if they deem that appropriate for the system's interest.

Doug mentioned our account numbers have had 3 zeros added to them to improve tracking in the accounting system.

—Global Water Initiative—

WWA members have been supporting El Porvenir in Nicaragua for 16 years. WWA and Maury Mutual have contributed almost \$60,000 to help support the community of El Porvenir in their acquisition of clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. A full report is available on the WWA website.

–Old Business–

There is no old business to discuss.

–New Business–

An information session probably in late summer will be set up for Share Sales status. Stay tuned.

–Election of Board Members–

Adrian thanked Pat Call and Richard Perret for service as members of the Board. Those 2 vacated positions were filled with motions to elect Peter Meyers and Holly Shull as new board members. Motions made, seconded, and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Perret, Secretary

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