

**Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023**

Present: Ken Richins, Angie Tripp, Mac J Hall, Mayor Billings, David Hirschi, Troy Gubler, Dayton Hall, John Slack, Doug Heideman, Kelby Iverson, Lea Thompson, and Mike Vercimak

Guest: David Hiller, Josh Martin, and Bruce & Linda Zimmerman

Item #1 Call to order, prayer

Mac Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Lea Thompson offered the prayer.

Item #2 Review of Minutes August 29, 2023

Mac Hall asked to approve minutes Mike Vercimak motion to approve Troy Gubler seconded motion passed.

Item #3 Discussion on leak adjustments that go on over a two-month period.

Angie Tripp gave a brief discussion on how a leak adjustment works.

The Water Board discussed and decided that we would do the same as we have done on any leak adjustments. The first leak adjustments can be done as a regular leak adjustment. If the leak goes into a two-month billing period, the utility department can give the second one at a lower tier.

Item #4 Discussion regarding the proposed new water efficiency/landscaping ordinance

Dayton Hall gave a brief review of the attached handout talking about the water use efficiency standards. Discussed lawn removal and receive \$2 per square foot up to 2,500 square feet of sod. The city council looked at the standards and wanted to make some adjustments to the standards that the district recommended. The city council passed. You need to live in a city that has the ordinance complies with the state standards. Our residents from the state and district didn't qualify for the grass removal. We presented a new proposal and the district agreed to what the city council came up with. The restriction is on lawn non agricultural and closely mowed lawn. This would only apply to sod not fields. The items passed are listed 1-8 on the attached handout.

Dayton Hall asked how the water board felt about the proposed water use efficiency standards. John Slack asked if this applies to the whole area in Hurricane. Dayton replied that this is for new construction.

David Hirschi explained that he doesn't like to see more government restrictions. He understands that we do have some water shortages so we should be conservative about that.

There was a brief discussion about water use efficiency standards. Dayton Hall and Mayor Billings explained the district has been keeping track of those who have torn out their lawn already and those that are waiting for the ordinance to pass.

The ordinance will affect those coming in with new construction.

As a water board we discussed and recommend that they pass it when it goes to the city council.

Item #5 Discussion about meter located at BLM Red Cliffs

Ken Richins gave a brief discussion about the lines that go to the BLM Red Cliffs and the lines going to that area we have had to replace. The district is going to put a new line in. The city has been metering the water and purchasing the water from the district. The district asked if they could serve the Red Cliffs area. The district is currently putting in a new line.

Ken Richins wanted to see how the water board felt about turning that meter over to WCWCD (Washington County Water Conservancy District) and if there were any problems or concerns BLM will contact the district with any questions. This is not in our service area.

The water board stated they have no problem with letting the WCWCD (Washington County Water Conservancy District) take it over.

Item #6 Dixie Spring well update

Ken Richins explained that Grimshaw has done the drilling part. They did a pump test and sent off water samples. The water quality coming out of the well has all come back good.

The specific capacity pumped 1,600 gallons a minute you can design your well to 70% of that. So, we will end up with a 1,100 gallon a minute well, which is better than our west well.

Ken Richins explained we have been preparing to drill Gould's Wash well to decide if its drinking water quality or irrigation quality. The water department has good quotes from the well drillers. They have two weeks and would like to move it here to start testing. Ken Richins has talked to Kaden Demille city manager, Mayor Billings, and Dayton Hall about moving forward with the project for the three falls trail head and Gould's wash well. Ken stated he would like to get this done so we wouldn't be drilling and not know the quality of the water. Ken explained this will not disturb the historic part of the area.

Item #7 Irrigation expansion project update

Mac Hall explained that the irrigation expansion project is still moving forward and is not ready to go to bid yet. Still waiting on the funding part.

Ken Richins talked about an application we are making with the Division of Water Resources will decide on the 5th of December which Mayor Billings will be attending to represent us.

They have presented some plans with a few changes. Still coming together, taking longer than anticipated. Sounds like this will be spread over a two-year period so we are not tearing up all the roads at once. They have surveying and engineering almost done then it will go to NRCS and then once it's passed through it will be a few months from then. Mac Hall is looking at about three months before it will begin. Bowen and Collins and Alpha Engineering have both been working on this project.

Item #8 Report on funding application with the Division of Water Resources

Ken Richins talked about the funding of the irrigation expansion project. The application also includes the Sky Ranch water tank which is a 2-to-4-million-gallon tank, Sky Ranch well and rest of Gould's wash well. The division won't fund an exploratory well so that is why we are going to use impact fees. This all depends on the economy. We don't have to do it all, so we have prioritized the irrigation expansion project as top priority. The NRCS loan will pay 75% on irrigation. The wells and tank will be a loan and solely on the city to pay back working on getting a low interest rate. There are some

water smart grants coming up and we will try applying to those also. Ken was in a meeting today with Dixie Conservation group and they are going to help us apply for water smart grant for our Irrigation metering project. So, the state on that one would pay 70% and we would come up with the rest. There is a grant we can apply for on matching funds. The window opens on the 5th of December we have about a two-month window to get an application in.

Ken Richins discussed our secondary irrigation system capital facility plan we are collecting impact fees. They are putting in live irrigation systems that will run off culinary water until we have a source available. We can't bond against impact fees, but we can make payment with that.

Item #9 Report on Water System

Ken Richins said we still have drinking water. We have shut the west well off. We have enough water rights in our springs to finish out the summer year. This is monitored every year. The water department has been taking measurements when we shut it off and when it is started back up again. This way we will be collecting data.

Item #10 New Business

Ken Richins talked about Dixie Springs; we had a lot of failures in our HDPE pipes. We are meeting with the HDPE pipe manufacturers and hoping to make a claim to get this taken care of. This is a giant amount of money. It has been taking a big portion of the water department maintenance and distribution money that could be spent all over town rather than one area.

We have a great crew that has been taking care of this.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm