

Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2024

Present: Ken Richins, Angie Tripp, Mac J Hall, Dayton Hall, David Hirschi, Leah Thompson, John Slack, Bevin Johnson, and Casey Lofthouse

Guest: Bruce & Linda Zimmerman

Item #1 **Call to order, prayer**

Mac Hall called the meeting to order at 7 pm Bevin Johnson gave the prayer.

Item #2 **Review of minutes July 30, 2024**

Bevin Johnson motion to approve the minutes. David Hirschi second motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 **Report on the water system**

Ken Richins gave an overview of how the water system is doing in July 2023 and July 2024. Ken explained we did use more out of our wells because we had to run a little longer since the main water line from the springs was down. He discussed that we used about the same amount of water from the springs as last year. The irrigation water we used less this year than what we did the year before. The board had a brief discussion of the water use from year to year.

Ken Richins explained that our system is doing very well, and we still have water available to use.

Item #4 **Irrigation expansion project report**

Mac Hall talked about some exciting times the last couple of weeks. The conservancy district, canal company and the city signed an agreement last Friday. The Nature Conservancy has not signed this agreement, as they need some changes before signing. We were hoping to award the bid to Interstate Rock because yesterday was the final day for the contractors would not be bound by the numbers, they gave us and could walk away. Interstate Rock said they would work with the city for a short period of time to get the Nature Conservancy to sign the agreement to proceed with the project. We cannot move forward without the agreement being signed by the four partners.

Bevin Johnson asked how much has been funded. Mac Hall explained that 11 million that has been funded. The engineers have designed the plans so the local NRCS rep could apply to get the agency to get the additional 10 million for finishing the project. The application is moving ahead and know rather the additional money can be approved. NRCS will not allow the funding to proceed without the agreement being signed by the Nature Conservancy. Dayton Hall has sent some agreements but haven't had any communicated response back to the city. The problem is the Nature Conservancy hasn't communicated on what they want in the agreement before signing so the city can't address the issues.

Mac Hall stated the Nature Conservancy District submitted the original grant and got it approved so they will need to sign off on the agreement before moving forward. Interstate Rock did agree to a 4-week extension but don't want to go further than that which would be around the 19th of September. Ken Richins, Dayton Hall, and Mayor Billings has been working with the Natural Conservancy and NRCS to try and get this resolved. He explained that our irrigation system isn't as simple as most irrigation companies which creates additional issues.

Item #5 **Report on the progress of the Gould's Wash and Sky Ranch test wells.**

Ken Richins said the Gould's wash well is being designed to be drilled and will be going to bid once it's done. Sky Ranch they are still working on it they have ran into some issues at 700 ft. They are doing a change order to put a column down the pipe to let some water in and they can let us know how much water we can get out of it. The water samples will go to Chemtech and get tested to see the quality as soon as possible.

Item #6 **Report on the public open house with residents in the new pressurized irrigation service area**

Ken Richins explained that the city sent out survey letters to the whole city in their utility bills. Ken explained that we had 70 people respond back nineteen were for it the rest were against it. A lot of the response came back saying stop new building. We also had some phone calls.

The meeting that was held at the fine arts building which had a good turnout. Glen Carnahan with Alpha Engineering gave a brief discussion on how the project will work. Ken explained that we did have a question-and-answer sheet which covered many of the issues. Mac Hall attended to answer the canal company question. Ken said he was there to answer the water department questions. There was a positive group that attended the open house.

David Hirschi wanted to say that he thinks that the open house meeting went well and had a great plan.

Item #7 **New Business**

Schedule our annual cook out for October 29th, 2024, at 7 pm

Adjourned at 7:45 pm