

Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2022

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

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

Mac Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Troy Gubler offered the prayer.

Item #2 Review of Minutes of August 30, 2022

Mac Hall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2022. Mike motion to approve. David second the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Report on irrigation meter project

Ken talked about the project that was mandated by the state to meter secondary water. We received a 70% grant and applied for some additional grants to help cover it. Last week we held a pre-bid meeting to discuss the project. There will be open bid meeting this Thursday December 1st in the City Council chambers.

Item #4 Discussion on trade water rights for canal stock

Ken talked about that we have a local citizen that would like to drill a well on his property. The resident was wondering if you need water rights to drill a well. He questioned if he could trade canal stock for the water rights. (Mac explained share of canal stock gives you about 5.3-acre feet per share) city would be trading Ag water.

Ken is asking the board if he should pursue this. The person at question would like one acre foot. John said he thought you could approve the well without having the water rights.

John asked if we could lease him the water by doing this, he could drill the well.

Dayton explained that the city already holds the property for the well at Gould's wash.

Mac asked how the board felt about trading underground well rights for canal stock. John asked so the question is we would trade possible culinary water for canal water which couldn't be used for culinary water.

Ken suggested about talking about this at the next meeting and he will get some more information.

Mike Vercimak motion that Ken Richins get more information and put it on the agenda for the next meeting. John Slack second motion. Motion passed.

Item #5 Report on Impact Fee Study

Still don't have the impact fee study so nothing to report hopefully by next meeting.

Item #6 Dixie Spring Well update

The Well has been drilled to 800 feet still needs to be set at the right diameter. The well is about 10 feet out of specs to start drilling. They can try to straighten hole to build to specs or move over and start a new hole. This is still undecided on what they are going to do with this. The engineers want them to correct and make it right.

If they straighten the hole, it will benefit the city rather than dig another hole which would mean it would be another year before we the well would be usable. The hole would need to be reamed about 3 feet at the lower end.

Item #7 Update on irrigation expansion project

Mac discussed that we had two meeting with engineering firms we are still trying to resolve a few issues. The question about putting in new pipe or use the existing pipe. Mac reported that the engineers haven't received any news from NRCS. Mac stated they are holding a meeting once a month with the engineers.

They are trying to locate where things are to see what direction that they want to go. The city is having it all blue staked out so they can use a drone to go over area to get a better look at where the pipes are located. This would make it easier for the irrigation project.

Mayor Billings asked if we could use the old sand pit for another settling pond for the irrigation. The engineers are pushing to have two pressure systems. Mac stated that we are wanting to set it up to have only one pressure system for now.

Item #8 Report on Water System

Ken reported that the Water Department crew has been experiencing a lot of water leaks in Dixie Springs and 600 N area.

John slack asked if the city is going to continue to go back and repair the leaks out a dixie spring? Ken explained as of right now the city is trying to find funding to help with the replacement of the dixie springs area.

Ken talked about that the city applied for numerous grants last year but wasn't awarded any of them. We are still looking into more ways to get this funded so we can get the pipes replaced out in the Dixie Springs area phase 1.

Lea asked what it is causing this issue its from contractors and the pipes used.

Ken reported that the water crew when they have a free moment are screening our mud pile. By doing this it screens out all the rocks so we can use the dirt for pipe bedding.

Item #9 New Business

Ken said we would like to purchase the canal company stock water to sale to city to keep it in Hurricane. They can maintain the rights until we have a system that they can hook up to after paying the connection fee. This would be a 50-year agreement or until they get the hookup.

Two option city buys and takes over everything or If leased back, they pay assessment until system is put in when they can hookup into the system.

Ken gave a brief discussion on how the WCWCD is wanting to add an addition surcharge fee to those high-water users.

Ken presented the following attachments which gave more information on the meeting that was held on Monday November 28th with the District.

Ken said we need to have this discussion with the City Council to see which way the city wants to go.

John questioned if any lot would be charged Dayton replied no it would be a plated lot. This will make it, so the district is going to guarantee the water for those areas not the city.

Ken said he really appreciates the board and all they do.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm