

SUNLAND WATER DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners

Meeting of April 11, 2017

MINUTES

Purpose

Regular Meeting

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Commissioners Putnam, Friess and Larison; Mike Langley, Manager; Karen Shay, Bookkeeper, Judy Gamble, Office Assistant, and visitor, SunLand Division 17 president Gary Fortmann.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 28, 2017 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

Manager's Report:

District Manager Michael Langley presented his report and provided an update on meter/setter installations. He noted that Dutch Williamson has passed his Water Treatment Plant Operator 1 exam.

There was discussion regarding use of personnel. Mike stated that when we get to the point at which we are done with installing meters, we may have time to do other things. Discussion ensued regarding backflow assemblies. Some homes in SunLand with irrigation systems do not have a backflow assembly installed and are in violation of regulations.

It was recommended we send out a notification regarding our impending move to a new office and about the back flow assembly requirements.

Financial Report:

Karen Shay presented financial reports through 3/31/17. There was discussion on special budgetary items.

Old Business:

- a. New Office: Hoch Construction has finished the sheet-rocking and will be painting this week. They are awaiting PUD action so they can run the new power to the office building and the barn. The building should be finished by May 1st but it will probably take another month for the move to be completed. The subject of the mailing address was discussed and consensus was that after the move to the new office is completed, we will not need a post office box and will use the 5762 Woodcock Road street address and secure mailbox which has already been installed. We will keep the post office box through the end of the year.

- b. Water Meters. SWD personnel have installed the meter and setter at the SunLand Golf & Country Club Maintenance Facility and will be installing the last 2-inch meters on Fairway. Twenty (20) water meters have yet to be installed. Commissioner Friess brought up that some residence have difficulty with the nomenclature in describing the water meters used to maintain landscaping as “irrigation” meters.

All water use must be measured and, in the case of multi-family dwellings, each individual homeowner’s group will be responsible for common area irrigation.

The office staff continues to try and work out the problems in transferring the meter readings to the Vision software. As the procedure was reviewed over the phone with Vision people who believe their system is working correctly, we called Ferguson regarding the operation of Sensus and their representative will be out to assist us as soon as possible. It was noted that we need further education regarding the full extent of Vision’s software capability pertaining to meters.

New Business:

New SunLand resident, Bart Gavin, recently bought his property at County auction. He paid the water district all accumulated charges amounting to \$5,329 for water and sewer services that had not been paid on the residence for four years. This amount included \$300 in late charges. Mr. Gavin requested that the BOC consider forgiveness of the late charges. It was moved by Jim Larison and seconded by Al Friess to approve a credit in the amount of \$300 to Mr. Gavin’s account. Motion passed.

Excess Water Rights.

Water is an asset. The SWD has written water rights to 540 acre feet which may be more than we will ever need. Several scenarios were discussed where SWD could benefit from the sale of excess water in order to pay down our debt. Several possible customers were noted. Commissioner Larison stated we ought to put an entry in our Water Plan regarding Excess Water Rights so future commissioners will not lose sight of the situation and will keep an eye on legislation that may change the current law..

Checks & Vouchers: – Karen presented a payment voucher and Judy presented a transfer check for signature which will be submitted to the County. All documents were signed by Commissioners Putnam, Larison and Friess.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gamble
Office Assistant