

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE WYNOLA WATER DISTRICT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting

August 26, 2021

ZOOM MEETING 3:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Board members present on zoom:

- **Jim Madaffer, President**
- **Steve Kincaid**
- **Ron Placa, Vice President**
- **Sandie McCann**
- **Bonni Cogan, Treasurer**

2. Action per Brown Act to hold an emergency meeting pursuant Gov't Code 54956.5 due to the public health and safety concerns of brown water in our system, apparently exacerbated by road repair crews working within the confines of the Water District. Motion to move and hold this emergency meeting was made by Jim Madaffer and seconded by Ron Placa. Unanimous approval by all five board members.

3. Public Comment:

- **Karyn Boulais who owns a house on Lakedale wanted to know the factual background on origins of the brown water and what streets it was occurring on.**
- **Mark Wicker owns property but has not been able to start building yet. Interested on what the problem is with the water quality.**

4. Board member discussions regarding road crew work and strategies to address the brown water in some areas of the district

- **Ron Placa went over to the pump house and found the water level at 95% and working well. He and board member, Steve Kincaid, checked the hydrants they could access in the estates and found all hydrants had not been used.**
- **Bonni reported that one of residents, Elizabeth Wisenor, who lives on Lakedale, called reporting that Elizabeth's husband talked to one of the road crews. They said they had gotten water from one of the hydrants on Lakedale, and it had clogged up their equipment due to the dirt in the hydrant. Not sure what hydrant on Lakedale it was.**
- **It was determined that the opening of the fire hydrant from the road crews probably stirred up the dirt and mud in the lines, which caused the neighborhood to have brown water.**
- **Jim asked Mrs. Wisenor to have her husband send an email to Karen Kincaid, the board secretary, with a statement on his conversation with the road crew person.**

- **Jim stated it was apparent that because the system has not been flushed in years, that the pipes are full of mud and dirt. The water workshop that has been scheduled for October 23rd, will address flushing the system and the precautions needed to make sure WWD is prepared for any possible problems that may occur as each hydrant is flushed. We need to have extra back up valves for hydrants and meters and any other parts needed to minimize any adverse impact that shutting down the water would have on the residents of the community.**
 - **Steve Kincaid and Jim have been meeting as a committee of two working on contingency plans on how to handle any possible adverse occurrences when the system is flushed out. One issue is when should the flushing occur. We are in a drought and fire season.**
 - **Jim has also discussed cleaning and/or changing out meters. Jim and Ron pulled his meter out and flushed it recently and his water improved greatly.**
 - **One idea is to offer the people who have called about how dirty their water is to have their local meter flushed out first by a professional that the WWD will hire.**
 - **Steve Kincaid reported that we do not have any meters or on/off valves in inventory. He will be going to Escondido tomorrow to check on what parts we will need to purchase in case of a problem while the meters are being flushed. Steve has asked for a budget of \$25,000 to start, and secure inventory of 2 different hydrants in the community and on/off valves for the meters.**
 - **Steve Kincaid made a motion to initially appropriate up to \$25,000, to purchase the necessary backup equipment needed to repair/replace any parts failure that might occur while flushing the hydrants. Also included in the motion is to start with the people who are having the most problems with brown water and pull their meters and flush the lateral pipe. We will hire professionals and get estimates to make sure we have everything needed ahead of the flushing. The estimates will include us buying the parts independently or the professional company supplying us with the parts, whichever is least expensive to save the rate payers money. Sandie McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
 - **In closing, Steve will call Jeff Stoeffel from the PRD County Road department and talk to him about the adverse effects that were caused by his crews using our hydrants without our permission. Karen Kincaid will reach out to Mr. Wisenor to write a short summary of what he saw and discussed with the road crew regarding the use of water from our hydrant.**
- 5. There were no objections, so the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.**