

APPROVED
Board of Directors
Wynola Water District and
Wynola Estates Fire Safe Council
September 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
22135 CA – 79 Santa Ysabel CA 92070

- 1. Call to Order: 9:04 a.m.**
- 2. Roll Call of Board of Directors:**
 - **Jim Madaffer, President-Present**
 - **Ron Placa, Vice President-Absent**
 - **Brenden Kelso, Treasurer-Present**
 - **Steve Kincaid-Present**
 - **Sandra McCann-Present**
- 3. Additions to the Agenda – none**
- 4. Approval of meeting minutes of August 12, 2023.**
 - **Motion from Kincaid and seconded by Kelso to approve minutes. 4 Ayes, 0 Noyes, 1 Absent**
- 5. Public Comment-opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. People addressing the Board are requested to state their name and address for the record.**
 - **Terry Jordan asked about the power outage that occurred with the result of low water pressure. The VFD glitched and delayed in clicking in to keep the pressure up. All is well now and the VFD is fixed.**
 - **Madaffer would like the SCADA system to alert us when the pressure goes down. He is talking to Kent Bricker and Buddy Seifert about a possible controller to monitor the pressure.**
 - **Well #9 has been completed. We are waiting for EPX to reimburse us for the work done by Kent Bricker-Southland Technology (SCADA). (EPX admitted that their actions fried the SCADA system on the generator).**
 - **Madaffer is meeting with the survey firm to survey the area where the diesel backup generator will go between Ron Placa’s house and the Young’s property at Well #11. (Lots 62 and 63). Ron Placa is giving the WWD an easement from his driveway to the generator.**
 - **We received a grant from the State of California to pay for the generator at Well #9. We are also installing transfer switches on Wells 7, 10, and the pumphouse that will allow us to plug into the generators when the power goes out. Another example of resiliency that the WWD is putting in place.**
 - **The FLOCK cameras have not been installed at Riverwood or Springview due to the county permit process. Once the cameras are permitted, they will be installed.**

6. Treasurers Report: Brenden Kelso

- Chase Bank: \$165,936.52
- Wells Fargo: \$139,764.49.
- Community Valley Bank: \$100,000.
- Brenden also suggests we transfer some funds into a short-term CD (6-9 months), at around 4% yield.
- Wells Fargo account will be closed out once the resolution to transfer the money to Chase is given to the Office Manager.
- Brenden will have a report in October regarding CD's and interest rates and where the money should be transferred to.

7. Office Manager's Report: Karen Kincaid

- The house at 1606 Springview Rd. has been sold. Escrow closes Friday, September 15th.
- The homeowner that the WWD voted to put a lien on the house is in the process of paying the invoice from CA LIHWAP (low-income water assistance). The amount in arrears is over \$5,000. Once the water bill has been paid, the lien will be removed.
- Karen Kincaid will try and find where Ricardo Barajas jr. moved to. He still owes the WWD \$1,500 from past water bills that did not make it into the escrow disbursements.

8. Old Business:

- a) Report by Board President Jim Madaffer (this will include the actions taken to date since the last Board meeting on August 12, 2023).
- i. Last month the Board discussed whether to do a survey of the Wynola Estates to determine whether the WWD would be eligible for grants to pay for the new water treatment system. Madaffer obtained bids and the cost would be over \$13,000 for a company to knock on everyone's door and ask them a series of questions-are the homeowners full time or part-time residents, make over a certain amount of money, etc. These questions would be similar to what the state would ask in order to determine if the WWD is eligible for grant money.
 - ii. The WWD is currently in a census track that would qualify for grant money because we are part of the Indian reservation's census track. The problem is when the census was last done in 2021, many homeowners identified their homes as part-time residents only and some of the income levels were higher than what the state would accept for an economically depressed area.
 - iii. Madaffer is suggesting letting the state do the survey and whatever the results will determine whether we get the state grant money or apply for a loan for the treatment system.

- iv. The Board also discussed having a few people from the estates knock on doors and ask if the homeowner is a full or part-time resident and if their income is over the acceptable amount for a grant.
 - v. The consensus with the Board is to skip paying for a survey. The WWD will move forward and have California Consultants write a grant and see how much free money the WWD can get for the water treatment system.
- b) Report by WWD Water Operator: Buddy Seifert (absent but has written a report that Madaffer will read):
- i. Replacing 72 old water meters at an estimated cost of \$30,054.00. We need to replace the meters because they are not working at optimum capacity.
 - ii. Madaffer suggested that we go ahead and appropriate the money to buy all 72 meters and the plastic boxes because of a possible price hike instead of buying them piece meal. Also, set up a time frame for the meters to be installed and completed-possibly three months or less.
 - iii. The landscaping around the meters would be initially cleared by the WWD. But after the area is cleared, the homeowner would be responsible for the upkeep around the meters. If the area is not kept cleared, the homeowner will be charged a labor rate to re-clear the area.
 - iv. There was a motion from Kincaid and second from McCann to appropriate \$30,054.00 to purchase and replace 72 meters and plastic boxes. The motion passed 4 Ayes, 0 Noyes, 1 absent.
9. New Business:
- a) Steve Kincaid reported on choices of mailboxes for WWD ratepayers to deliver their payments without mailing them via U.S. Postal Service.
 - i. The mailbox will be located at the end of the Kincaid driveway on a post.
 - ii. Price not to exceed \$200.00
10. Motion to adjourn the Wynola Water Board: 9:51 a.m.

Next meeting: October 14th, 9:00 a.m. (2nd Saturday of every month) @ Santa Ysabel Nature Center.