

9/27/2025

10:00 am at Homedale City Park

In attendance: Erik Heasley, Sarah Blair & Brent Graham, Mike Fautt, Jyll Combs, Rob Tiffany, Steve Webb, Vickie & Rob Folden, Dan Rohl, Paxton Pembrike, Debbie & Mark Heaton

Proxies: McCarty & Hayhurst given to Erik Heasley, Helsel given to Sonya Houghton

10:00 am Homedale band was playing in the city park as we tried to start our meeting, so they started us off with the national anthem, which was a nice surprise.

Erik called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Financial Statement was handed out to look over. It was discussed that we did not need to increase yearly dues at this time.

Election of 2026 board members were voted on:

Brent G. nominated Erik Heasley for President, Paxton P. 2nd
Vote: All in Favor

Brent G. nominated Mike Fautt for Vice President, Erik H. 2nd
Vote: All in Favor

Erik H. nominated Jill Combs for Treasurer, Brent G. 2nd
Vote: All in Favor

Brent G. nominated Sarah Blair for Secretary, Erik H. 2nd
Vote: All in Favor

Irrigation System/Canal Discussion Summary

- Topic Introduction: Erik initiated the discussion on issues related to the irrigation system and canal flooding.
- Siphon Tubes & Flooding:
 - Mike F. mentioned he planned to speak with Brady (crop field leaseholder) on September 29 about the number of siphon tubes being used. Possibly having Brady decrease number to help with water flooding. Brady had also informed Mike he would be switching to mint instead of sugar beets for the next 4 years which use a different amount of water.
- Debris Management:
 - Erik spoke with someone about creating a steel mesh screen to prevent debris/trash clogging the system.
- Improvement Options & Costs:
 - Mike obtained a quote for two potential improvements:
 - Metal sleeve (like a rain gutter)
 - Gated pipe installation – approx. \$15,000
 - The gated pipe option generated the most interest among attendees.
- Proposal from Brady:
 - Brady offered to install the gated pipe if the group covered the cost of the pipe.
 - Plan: Our irrigation water would be diverted into the gated pipe, while Brady would continue using the canal, effectively splitting the water flow.
- Alternative Option:
 - Chris Houghton reported speaking with an engineer about a concrete addition to the top of the ditch to prevent overflow – estimated cost: \$18,000.
- Decision:

- The group voted to proceed with the gated pipe installation, pending:
 - Agreement from the crop landowners
 - A contract outlining responsibility and liability for potential pipe damage

We will continue to self-maintain the barrow ditches in front of our properties. Steve said he would continue with snow removal when he could, but he also said Buck would probably help as well.

Erik adjourned meeting at 10:42 am