PILLSBURY LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT

May 14th 2019

Working Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Strittmatter, Commissioner Scott, Commissioner Vasquez. Commissioner Strittmatter made a motion to open the meeting at 6:38 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Scott and unanimously approved. Commissioner Scott mentioned de-weeding will be going forward no dates are set but it’s looking like by the end of June of this year. Commissioner Scott mentioned we are applying for permits for 25 acres and this could take up to 90 days for approval but not sure how much we will get approved for. Commissioner Strittmatter mentioned the most we could do anyways is 35 acres at a time. Commissioner Vasquez mentioned having reviewed other district lakes fees and the comparison between different towns and ours to raise the rate to $35 a month for 1500 gallons. Commissioner Vasquez mentioned increases in 2020 rates to 55 a month and 3000 gallons for a one-year trial to offset the budget. Commissioner Strittmatter mentioned we need to raise $20,000 this year to offset the budget. Commissioner Scott mentioned we need to have a gradual increase since this is our first increase in a while and incremental increases that are evaluated every few months is the best way to go. Commissioner Vasquez asked if we can look into planning for decreasing water operations cost two of the biggest being electricity and system maintenance. Commissioner Scott mentioned he could look into solar panels again biggest issue would be where to put them to get the most money out of them. Commissioner Strittmatter mentioned electricity would continue to increase by 10% starting July 1st. Commissioner Vasquez mentioned putting more money aside for the surveying of the hunting preserve so we could then turn around and use it as an asset for income. Commissioner Scott mentioned we have to be careful how much money we want to raise or put away because that will increase taxes. Commissioner Vasquez asked what the $75000 in annual system maintenance went to and both Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Strittmatter stated RT lake and part WSO. Commissioner Scott mentioned putting bids or RFPs for digs and water operators to lower cost. Commissioner Scott mentioned if we also come up with different ways to de-weed with volunteers instead of going with a company, we will save a lot of money especially through taxes. Commissioner Vasquez asked if there was any way to modernize the system for payments, possibly adding a credit card method and online to make it easier for customers. Commissioner Scott stated that is a possibility. Commissioner Strittmatter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scott, and unanimously approved. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM and 7:00PM. ~m~)

Commissioner Ali Vasquez