

Sept 18th, 2024

WildFlower Well Board Meeting

Meeting came to order at 6:30 pm

Board Members in attendance:

David Carr- President
Ben Mendola -Vice President
Tami Ballinger - Treasurer
Linda Mayne-Degnan Secretary
Johnathan Albright -Director/member at large
Kevin Degnan -President in training

The first order of business:

The WIFA Loan Project DW-060-20 22 is still working out how we are going to make this work. Tami gave Dave some input on the research she did with Gayle Eversault about grants, well repairs, and what they were charging for water. Dave did a follow up with Gayle Eversault, she told Dave about the grant they got from WIFA for \$250,000 dollars and only must pay back \$38,000 dollars. Dave said he talked to Samantha Leke at WIFA about the grant. She stated that the Sierrita Mountain Water Grant was from a different pot of money and that pot has been depleted. Dave asked Ms Leke about additional funding, she told him to sign up for notifications from WIFA which would tell us about new grants.

The second topic:

Dave discussed was the Sierrita Mountain Water Co-op rates.

- A. \$30 flat rate
- B. 0-10,000 gallons (.006)
- C. 10,001-18,000 gallons (.0075)
- D. 18,001-30,333 gallons (.0125)
- E. 30,334 gallons and up (.0150)

The third topic:

Dave asked Kevin Degnan to introduce himself to the board members. Kevin gave a short bio and stated his goals. They are to keep the water flowing to all members of the co-op, to keep the well mechanically and financially stable and keep the water

affordable also to provide preventative maintenance and necessary upgrades and keeping the well in the hands of the co-op. Kevin will be in training until August of 2025 when he will take over the role as President.

The fourth topic:

Dave talked about was the fact that he collected \$2600 of bad debt.

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Dave explained that he had to bill two members \$35.00 dollars each for clean up around their meters. He did this after warnings and following the by-laws it is being implemented.

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Dave discussed was that we have 72 well hook ups with 66 of those hookups active at present. A letter had been sent out stating that there will be no new hook ups.

The sixth topic:

Dave discussed was that the \$30,000 dollar non repayable engineering grant went through. The engineer will do a walk through on September 27th at 0800 with Dave and Kevin.

The seventh topic:

Dave discussed was that the well repair is going to be scheduled in November 2024 and work will start sometime in January 2025.

The eighth topic:

Ben questioned if there was going to be enough money to do the well repairs and haul water? Dave stated that there would be at our present progress.

Ben asked if there would be any more hookups allowed on the well? Dave stated that we were at our maximum due to the casing being downsized and the number of families on the well at the time. There would have to be some major upgrades to the well. Going to have the engineers add that in their report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54.

Meeting minutes approved by:



David Carr

President/CEO

Wildflower Water Co-op