

### Wild Flower Well Board Meeting

The 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

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#### AGENDA:

Water Meters  
Distribution lines  
Drilling a new well.

The Water Meter grant was not approved because it did not qualify under the grant requirements. Ten or fifteen meters still need to be replaced to have all new meters. The Main well meter has been changed to digital.

We discussed replacing the 2-inch water distribution lines, which are old, leaking, and running across the middle of properties. Note: These lines will be abandoned; these lines belong to the Wild Flower Co-op, and it is the interest of all members to have these lines replaced and to code. These lines will be replaced with 4-inch lines and placed in easements. All meters will be placed in easements along with the distribution lines.

The engineer's report has been completed. We have tentative grant approval for the overall grant. Distribution of the \$30,000 for engineering is in progress. The USDA pays for this; nothing from Wild Flower Water Co-op.

I will be negotiating with Mr. Hooper at the USDA on our primary grant. We will review the numbers to determine our affordability, forgiveness, and priorities.

Johnathan expressed concerns about problems with the easements and property owners' concerns about said easements. The definition of a Utility Easement: Allowing utility companies (e.g., electric, water, sewer, cable) to install and maintain infrastructure (power lines, pipes, etc.) on the property. Maintaining these easements and the water lines for the Wild Flower Water Co-op is crucial to the security and sustainability of the Wild Flower Water Co-op.

Ben asked about how many miles of lines need to be replaced. Dave was not sure of the exact number.


Dave talked about the need for a new well and looked to the future. He has concerns about how long the original well will last. Because our members are low-income, he hoped to qualify for a grant to put in a new well.

Tammi asked how much the distribution lines were going to cost. Dave does not have an exact cost until after the USDA grant is approved, and only then will we be able to price out and prioritize according to funding amount. Tammi suggested that maybe we could put some of the lines ourselves.

Kevin discussed how we would do the lines without shutting off someone's water while new lines were being put in.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Meeting minutes approved by:

  
David Carr

President/CEO

Wildflower Water Co-op