

RMDW Board of Directors Meeting

11/30/2015

Meeting called to order at 3:35 pm. Members present – Ross Allen, Wink Davis, Steve Ela, Fred Johnson, Dan Schultz-Ela, Cassandra Shenk, Diane Perry.

Began with a discussion about who should hold the Secretary and Treasurer positions - should these be board members or not. At present Randy Fisher is the Secretary/Treasurer, recent by-law changes allow this to be two separate people. General consensus is that the Treasurer should be a board member for oversight, but that the secretary should be a non-board member, as this will spread the board a little thin.

Ross moved that Dan be nominated and elected as Treasurer of the Board. Steve seconded. Four ayes, no objections. The motion carries.

Dan accepts.

Dan and Wink will go over the exact duties and will meet with Randy at a later date.

Steve made a motion to appoint Diane as Secretary, Ross seconded. All were in favor, no objections. The motion carries.

Discussion moved to lottery applications.

Only two applications were received. One should be easy (). The Don Grant location might be a problem and make installation expensive as the property is not adjacent to our main line. There are a lot of easement issues. Most of these would be his responsibility.

For future lotteries with situations like these, we need to award the tap with a time frame for the landowner to get the appropriate easements.

As the next step in the lottery process, Wink will send a letter advising of acceptance and deposit the checks.

We are looking at either March or October installations, depending on the landowner. They must notify Cass by the 1st of February for March installation.

Steve moves to accept these applications. Ross seconds. Unanimously passes.

Secretary would like to raise the certificate transfer fee from \$20 to \$50, effective January 1, 2016. Transfers are time consuming and cost about \$10 to send certified mail.

Ross moves to change the certificate transfer fee to \$50, effective January 1, 2016. Dan seconds. Passes unanimously.

Discussion and background about the raw water pipeline, its origination and drawbacks. Steve is on the Highline ditch board and is willing to re-visit giving control of the pipeline to the ditch company. The board, in general, is in favor of abandoning the pipeline. There is a fear of raw water being used as domestic water, even though this is prohibited in the contract.

Annual meeting is January 11 at 2:00. The board will meet before lunch to discuss finances.

Unfinished business to discuss at the meeting, include the by-laws, the increased water rates (how are we doing financially) and the CDOT project.

New business – notice board? Some options mentioned include a RMDW website, physical board at the Community House, page on the Town of Hotchkiss web site. For things like brown water.

Cass did not have her work plan with her, so she will email it.

She will also come up with a cost estimate for several projects: a new telemetry system, moving a pressure reducing valve to the line by the pump house and other system improvements.

A quick look at the draft balance sheet reminds everybody that there is too much money in the checking and savings account. Dan will do some more research into CD's and other options.

Steve brought an issue to the board's attention. He had been approached by someone hoping to start a commercial dehydrating operation at the old CSU Research Station.

Could the existing tap be used for such a purpose? Possible to allow what had been historically used at that location? Board would have to have a presentation from the applicant to explain purpose of the project, estimated water use, benefits to the members of the water company, and to demonstrate support of local agriculture (not just initial support and then outsource, but continued long term support).

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM