

PINECREST PERMITTEES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

August 29, 2014 – Pinecrest Firehouse

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tim Fisher, Ken Irwin, Allen Green, Ed Parish, “J” Rogers, Chris Barth, Laurie Cashman, Andy Brechwald, Mike Yaley

OTHERS PRESENT: Micki Brechwald, Gus Kramer#123, Darlene Dychler, #219

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President Tim Fisher.

2. **Visitor Introduction:** Micki Brechwald and Gus Kramer were introduced.

Gus discussed the problems with dogs on the beach as did Micki. Gus also had an interest in discussing water use.

3. **Approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2014 Meeting**

The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Ken Irwin, seconded Laurie Cashman and carried, with one abstention (Chris Barth) .

4. **Forest Service (USFS) Report:** Tim stated that he had had a meeting with Molly Fuller regarding the sewer plant grant, and she indicated that she would be present, however, she was not in attendance.

5. **Election of Officers:**

- President: Mike Yaley nominated Tim Fisher, seconded by Allen Green.
- Vice President: Ken Irwin nominated Howard Kirk, seconded by Mike Yaley.
- Secretary – Treasurer: Laurie Cashman nominated Ken Irwin, Ed Parish seconded. Allen Green moved nominations be closed for the slate of Officer, motion carried unanimously.
- Authorized Account Signatures:
Mike Yaley & Ken Irwin were added as an additional signatories for both the Mother Lode and Edward Jones accounts. The Board Resolution gives authority to sign on behalf of the corporation if the President or other officers are unable to do so. Chris Barth moved for approval as amended, seconded by Allen Green and carried.

6. **Manager’s Report:** It was noted that Pat was having surgery in Redwood City and was not present. In his absence Tim Fisher presented the following:

• **Capital Projects:**

Blue Lift Station completely refurbish new controls & pumps \$110,000.

Gold Lift station completely refurbish new controls & pumps \$100,000

WWTP New roof engineering cost \$7,000 Cost?

Lift station controls \$1,500 each 16 more. \$25,000.

Lift station pumps 2hp \$2,200.00 each 10 more \$22,000. Replace as they fail.

Alarm system upgrades SCADA System \$8,000.

Drying bed enlargement \$6,000.

Crawler tractor refurbishing \$12,000 (closer to \$6,000)

Solar? The sky’s the limit \$250,000 - \$2,000,000. Pat should talk to PG&E re. grant.

Bio Solid rollaway bin with cover \$6,500.

Waste Water – 10 year plan

Primary clarified est. \$250,000.

Chalet lift station removal \$179,000

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Pave sewer plant road \$100,000
G/F storage barn \$65,000.

Water System – 5 year plan

Water plants Gilmore plan \$350,000
Complete replacement \$900,000
Install more 6" valves for more control 6 each \$12,000.

SCADA system for monitoring plants \$5,000.
Paint tanks \$6,000 this year.
Divers in this year's budget
Truck \$20,000.

Water system – 10 year

Lake plant waterline from lake to plant \$5,000.
Lake pump casing?
South Shore waterline \$10,000 – Difficult time metering due to freeze. 16 not metered.
One meter for 25.
Shearing creek water line \$25,000.

Garbage

Truck \$20,000

Snow

Truck \$20,000
New tires for lader \$6,000
New chains \$3,000.

Roads

Sugar Pine to Lower Lodge Pole to Meadowview \$16,000
Sugar Pine from Lake Shore to Cedar and Cliff \$45,000
Rustic from Cedar to Lower Lodge Pole \$60,000
Highland from Pinecrest Ave. to parking lot \$14,000
Entrance to water plant off Dodge Ridge shared with Chinquapin \$2,500
PPA Shop \$20,000
Yearly patching \$2,500.00
South Shore parking lot & Lakeshore Drive \$\$?

- **Fire Boat**

The fire boat will be completed at the end of September. The Board discussed whether PPA would be liable for the sales tax. County said they are not writing a check to vendor the due to no bidding process and no contract. County wants to write a check to us and have us pay the vendor. In that case, the Franchise Board says we would have to pay sales tax, as we are not exempt. Tim has asked Brian to check this out. Mike Yaley will check into it also. Tim will also consult with Patti, our Accountant. Friends of Pinecrest will be donating a portable bullhorn for the boat.

- **Sewer Plant Inspection**

Tim noted that our WWTP was inspected by the State Monday for the first time in 12 years. No infractions, they will be back in three years.

Water Level was at 5,608 Monday.

7. Presentation of Budget Process

The Board wants to have fair water charges that encourage water conservation and remain close to historic fees. All the water we use ends up at the sewer plant. General Fund includes roads, water and fire/emergency. The 'driver' of activities is the water. The Budget will be set in October. For this meeting it will be based on a 1 million budget, for simplicity. Cabins are about 60% of the General Fund.

Board decisions needed:

- Methodology Approval
- Determine "Recovery Rate:
- Establish "Tiers, (Level & number of Tiers)
- Establish "Tier Rates".

Tim explained that the General Fund, over the last 4 years, has been 36% of all costs and Sewer has been 45%. This trend is positive.

The Board discussed tiers for water usage from 30K, 40K, and 50K. Tim suggested that when we meet in October, let's keep it simple. Hold or lower our rates and still pay for 100% recovery. Need to set a surcharge for anything over a base tier. A proposal for commercial will be using last year's water usage [or recent year's], and setting a commercial/camp tier for each enterprise.

94.5% water users are below 50K. Tim noted that we may keep it simple by billing at last year's rate. If we use last year's charges for the base tier we will cover our expenses and more. Tim suggested a 20% surcharge in addition to the base tier rate at whatever level is selected..

Chris Barth noted that numerous cabin owners have questioned him as to why we have meters since we own the system. He contacted the California Water Resources Board. He provided a printout indicating that if water service is provided before 1992 a utility doesn't need meters. Ken stated that State of Calif. stated we had to have meters by 2025. 'J' Rogers felt, with or without the State requirement, meters provided a good tool for us to equitably charge users and for users to control their own situations. It also gives the PPA a better handle on actual use and an ability monitors leaks.

Gus Kramer suggested that we should publish best and worst water conservation by cabin owners, and suggested that we check our pressure. He noted that he has 95 PSI & Ed Parish agreed, he has had up to 105 PSI at his cabin. Tim will discuss pressure with staff and report back to the Board.

8. **CFA Status:** No word from CBO but the rumor on the streets is that our recent correction made the Bill revenue positive. This means more income for the government. George Cardinet is following this bill daily.

9. **New Business**

- Strawberry Fire Department has expressed concern by not having full coverage if one of the two Stn. 55 [Pinecrest] fire trucks was being utilized in another area. Our 'wildlands' engine has been out for three weeks and we have had only one 'structures' truck. They suggest we establish an understanding with Tuolumne County Fire Department that we will have two trucks on station at all times. Even a second 'structure truck' would be helpful.

- Allen Green moved that our PPA logo should be placed on all the cars, trucks, etc. that we own. Allen is holding the motion until October. Tim will ask staff to develop costs.
- Allen Green would like to see a budget item next year that would cover lunches for the Board in recognition of their hours spent working on the Board.
- Allen Green advised that a Permittee wants a cross country ski trail through 'town'. Allen will bring the map of the suggested course at the next meeting. Tabled for October.
- Allen Green moved that a donation of \$250. Be given to the local CSERC organization. They have been helpful on the water level fight. Tim was not enthusiastic about this feeling this group has been an ally in some of our 'battles' but has been a hindrance in others. The motion died for lack of a second.
- Allen Green suggested that PPA have a 'Meet & Greet" for the new District Supervisor.
- Allen Green addressed the lack of phone service and Internet service. He would like to organize a group meeting to look into improving service. Board members noted that Verizon had purchased Golden State Communications and hopefully we will have better service next year. There is a group monitoring this very closely and commenting to Golden State /Verizon.
- Allen Green made a motion to present a letter to the USFS to preserve the three trees on Lake Shore Drive that are scheduled to be cut down. The USFS has verbally asserted that these trees restrict parking and are hazardous. Allen believes they are a 'traffic calming' success. Allen moved that PPA Board request the USFS reasoning, in writing, and register our concerns. Tim seconded. Motion carried. Tim's first step is to ask USFS to prove cause for the tree removal.
- Tim advised that he has joined a group on our behalf called the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority Watershed Advisory Committee [WAC], which is the advisory group to implement the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Tuolumne, Upper Stanislaus and Little John Creek Watersheds for the State Integrated Regional Water Management Agency. This is the group which evaluates grants like our \$2.2 million request for improvements to the sewer plant for increased efficiency. Our representatives [Tim, Pat Smith or Jeff Black-Engineer] can advocate for our projects. The \$100 fee will be taken out of President's discretionary fund.

10. The next Board meeting will be October 3, 2014 at the Pinecrest Fire Station.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

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Jan Moncrieff – Recording Secretary