

Sylvan Lakes Metropolitan District Regular Meeting 2/9/2019 3:00 PM
Lake County Public Library - Baby Doe Room
Board Members Present:

Alan Agee
Ginny Peros
Greg Conway
Irv Tracy

Attendees:
Lance Hooper
Chick Rittaco
Jeff Borek

Absent:
Phil Huval

Meeting called to order at 3:00

Minutes - Changes and adjustments were discussed with corrections sent out via email this morning from Greg. Corrections will be incorporated and the motion to pass these minutes was voted on and approved by all.

December 2 meeting minutes:

Discussion of the proposal for TZA work to complete the necessary reports for moving towards an augmentation plan followed. Alan made a motion to approve all voted aye-

Greg objected for two major reasons: 1. The SLMD went through an arduous process of Request for Proposal to engage an engineering firm and legal firm, we scrubbed and selected TZA, so we are continuing to waste time while water prices rise, and we will offend our partner who has given a fair price (assessment by the only engineer on the board). 2. It is an absurd illusion that a Cadillac firm with a great reputation like Leonard Rice could possibly give a reasonable estimated without field trips, preliminary studies, preliminary SL d lake data and thousands of dollars of 'getting to know our situation' before they could possibly give a professional estimate, which Greg estimates would be 30,000 to \$50,000. We need [to leave engineering issues to engineers] to

Treasurer's report

Alan presented the attached:

Dola report: Actual vs proposed budget 58,170 this year – We do not have 21,000 in the budget for the TZA work. There work would take one week to do the work but we would need to break out the payments to cover our obligations and tax flow standpoint. Greg will discuss how we can deal with TZA on how we can continue to do business with them.

Greg made a motion to file for an Exemption from Audit, Irv seconded – discussion. Annual filing for entities under \$100,000. All in Favor –

Paperwork to buy Chick R. water right from Twin Lakes was discussed. Alan gave a check to Chick for \$5,912.50 – installment payment for full purchase of 1.1 water shares.

Next step would be to purchase another members water right – whether Jerry Vargo or Irv Tracy.

New Business: Irv asked if any of the neighbors had questions about why the mill levy was raised. He explained the thinking behind it. Rationale was made in a report June 15, 2018.

Chick requested a good accounting of referendum C. Greg gave him the report to look through.

5B and 5C were discussed – land and water

5A – maintenance and administration

All referendums were all independently approved - but Chick is stating that Ref B money is unavailable – We need a clarification of the Referendums – Should we contact Darryl Farrington – the original lawyer – to help with this? Chick will work with Alan to make sure we can make a full accounting of these referendums. How much more can we collect on these referendums before we need another election. Greg also has an excel spreadsheet he will send to Chick.

Irv reviewed the reasons for continuing to keep the lakes – Property Values, wildlife, recreation, wells -. Let's make sure we are doing things properly. Water will be more expensive and harder to find the longer we have to wait.

Greg asked Lance for information on water numbers throughout the year as he has been keeping the weather recordings. He has the information of how much water/snow fell, temperatures, etc. . They will try to convert this information into usable form to be used for the Augmentation plans. This will help us with official amounts that evaporate – amounts that we have to pay for.

Jeff Borek made a point that there is a tipping point of value – how much can a small district like ours afford. Greg pointed out that there has been a change of demographics but Chick pointed out that the people who live in SL all year round pay for all of the second hand owners to enjoy.

Greg's presentation: History of Sylvan Lakes will go on the website.

Are there issues with board members terms? – We will find out whose term is coming up. Elections are on even years – but we should just review this information.

SWSP – We have not heard from lawyers or engineers of what to do with this. What is odd about this – last years SWSP we were authorized to run through May 31 of that year – so why haven't we heard about the terms and conditions? How much water is needed? Should we bid for any water from Pueblo this year? Greg recommends as the lake maintenance person that we should have a good enough water year to get us through. We also have Twin Lakes Water that carried through. So we will not be bidding on water this year. Greg will check up on this to make sure we get answers about the SWSP status.

How much is it actually saving us if we prove that the lakes are all natural? This is part of the Court data.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Next meeting:

TBD in March 9, 2019 Saturday 3:00 Amax Room, Lake County Public Library