

Sylvan Lakes Metropolitan District Regular Meeting 7/13/2019 3:00 PM
Lake County Public Library - Baby Doe Room
Board Members Present:

Alan Agee
Ginny Peros
Greg Conway
Absent: Irv Tracy

Attendees:

Lance Hooper Jerry Vargo
Chick Ritacco Saran Twombly
Pete Prestarri Tom Hobbs
Karen Agee Christian Oyler

Meeting called to order at 3:00

Minutes - approved after discussion on Executive Session.

Treasurer's report: financial report for the year – see attached.
Website for Sylvan Lakes is under Greg's website – he pays for it. There is interest from others to start a website specifically for Sylvan Lakes.

Alan gave Chick a check for the Promissory note for water that is due next month.

2020 Budget

Doing the Budget early in order to work out a new ballot issue coming up. There are new expenses coming up. Liability insurance, water related, legal and administrative expenses. We added a line for professional accounting – as we need to have an outside source doing the accounting work. All of the budget is contingent on the outcome of the election. There are two elections coming up a coordinated election with the county in 2019 vs the board election in 2020.

Water related expenses: Professional and legal fees – related to the SWSP and Augmentation fees. The Bathymetric Survey, and Area capacity curves (which the court wants to see) will be necessary for an augmentation plan – we can pay the 11K that TZA has submitted as their fee for these surveys over a 2-year period. We need to prove that our lakes are partly if not more than half natural which would mean our fill and evaporative rates would be less. Monson has said to go in to court with our best evidence up front – do it right the first time. This is a proposed budget – a moving target. Until we have a bathymetric survey we don't really know exactly what we will need.

Lake Maintenance : Greg has been working with the State. They have gone to an input-output measuring system. Before it was just the input with managing evaporation. Many variables affect these readings. Brain Sutton is now saying we

have to go with input-output. How often do we measure? How do we account for “lag” time? Gary Hanks has been coming out to measure. We have actually had more output than input at times – we do not have a steady state. There is more to maintenance than clearing ditches.

We have 2 water leases and use of Twin Lake Water shares

- Lease with Mt. Massive Trout Club and Homestake Trout club \$100.00 per acre – 10 year lease with a 10 year option to continue.
- Spot leases in case we need to lease like we did from Pueblo in a dry year.
- Twin Lakes Water Shareholders –We are trying to reimburse these owners

for their administrative costs – Ritacco share –under contract to purchase. Jerry Vargo 2 shares, Irv Tracy 1 share.

We would like to pay off the Ritacco debt in 2019.

Water continues to rise in price.

Accounting line item is new.

We are in the 3rd year of the present SWSP – which is good for 5 years. The SWSP can continue longer only if the augmentation plan is in the adjudication process.

Greg’s Long Term Budget Projection (see attached) This takes into consideration going for a loan – 30 year loan at 2.8% interest.

Discussion of Ballot Issues- draft purposes only: Changes made from Chicks suggestions. We are tailoring a new ballot issue to allow us to continue to move forward.

We need to do an educational campaign to explain what the Board has done so far – explain the progress and how the Engineering, Legal, and maintenance expenses have brought the area to where it is right now – water in the lakes. What do people think is a reasonable number to request on the ballot? Minimum, especially owing to Tabor- meaning more professional expenses & unknown variables- we should ask for: \$30K \$41K \$45K or \$49K annually could be realistic – \$49K would allow us to cover uncertain factors - leave it and not tax more. Most concurred that we should request 49K. A discussion ensued about once the augmentation plan is in place the legal fees will be much lower. Should there be a resolution to recognize this reduction in expenses and that we would not always have to use the tax at the higher rate. Can we put that in the ballot issue right now? There is a single-issue ballot initiative which would preclude this. Most present liked the new simplified ballot. Alan has requested that people write out simple questions/concerns to be sent to the ballot attorney – give him more feedback. New expenses coming are different than what we have paid in the past. An augmentation plan is much more expensive – but once it is done those expenses would be much lower.

There was a concern with word usage in Appendix A – want to use and vs provided – it will be brought up with the Attorney

Alan read out loud explanations from Darryl Farrington (our ballot attorney to questions that had been sent to him via Alan.

Alan made a motion to execute the Ballot Resolution Leave Appendix A as drafted Appendix B – Draft II – Adding 49K in the blank. Seconded by Greg – all in favor – passed.

Draft 3 will be presented at the next meeting.

Alan is president, Ginny Secty/Trsr, Greg VP – Irv is in the hospital and Phil has sold his home and resigned. We are actively recruiting new board members.

Alan made a motion to accept the resolution to make Alan Agee the Designated Election Official. – Ginny Seconded – all in favor. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Next meeting:

August 3, 2019 Saturday 3:00 pm Amax Room, Lake County Public Library