

**Hurricane City Water Board
Minutes
September 29, 2015**

Members Present: Chairman Greg Last, Mac J. Hall, Ken Richins, Troy Gubler, Pam Humphries, John Slack and Toni Foran.

Others Present: Mike Vercimak, Jerry Brisk, DeAnne Brisk, Maxine Haws and Connie Martin.

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

Chairman Greg Last called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and John Slack offered prayer. Chairman Last welcomed John Slack as a new member of the Water Board.

Item #2 Review Minutes of July 28th Meeting

Pam motioned to approve the minutes of July 28. Toni 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Review Request by Cindy Orvin for Additional Water Bill Adjustment

Cindy was not present. Pam motioned to table this item until the next meeting and check with Cindy to see if she still wants an adjustment. Greg 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Last asked Connie to convey to Cindy that the Board is sympathetic to her disaster.

Item #4 Review Request by Maxine Haws for an Additional Water Bill Adjustment

Maxine explained she received a call from Krystal Wright in the utility office advising of a leak alarm on her meter. She thanked the City for the heads up. She called Rick Wright to investigate and fix the leak. With the help of leak detection by the Water Department, Rick thought the leak might be under the driveway. He suggested running a new line to avoid digging up the driveway. When they brought the equipment in to dig a new line, the equipment sank into the ground by the meter. This made it obvious where the leak was. The line was fixed, rather than replaced. Last July Maxine's water bill was around \$27.00. This year it was \$80.00 in July and \$87.00 in August. She anticipates it will be even higher for September. After some discussion, Troy motioned to give Maxine a normal leak adjustment for the highest of the last 3 months bills. Pam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #5 System Update

Ken talked about the several major breaks that have occurred in the past month. The main 18" line that crosses the river at Confluence Park split all the way across. The guys had to work all day Sunday to fix it. The next day, there was a bad break in the Hurricane Garden Homes that took about 10 hours to fix. It

went under a culvert and was about 8 feet deep. Dr. Last asked what kind of pipes these were. Ken explained they were made from PVC. The one in the river is thicker.

Ken talked about the West Well Project. To bring John Slack up to speed, he explained the sand problems that have been occurring at the West Well. There is a project planned to build a 100 thousand gallon tank with booster pumps to settle the sand before it goes into the transmission lines. There was a pre-job meeting today and Interstate Rock should start work around the 14th of October. They should finish in about 120 days. There have been relatively few complaints of sand this season because the well is only pumping at 1000 gpm. Once the tank and boosters are built, Ken would like to turn up the volume.

Ken reported on the progress of the 1500 South, 2 million gallon tank. Arthur LeBaron is still working on the easements for the tank site and transmission lines. Most of the easements were acquired years ago, but there is one land owner is still trying to figure out the best place to put the tank so it does not interfere with his development plans. Once the easements are obtained, the engineer will design the tank and the transmission lines. It should be ready to bid by this winter. Ken explained this project will need to be bonded as there are not enough funds available to pay for it. It will cost approximately 3 million dollars, including the transmission line to Sky Ranch. Ken is negotiating with the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) to upsize the line to 12”.

Item #6 New Business

Connie talked about the upcoming meeting with the City Council regarding Backflow. A representative from Rural Water will be coming down to present to the City Council some information about backflow compliance. The Board is invited to attend. His presentation will start at 4:00.

There was a discussion about having a Water Board party on October 27th. This will take place on a regular Water Board night with light discussion about any issues that need to be discussed. Connie will need an RSVP from those planning to attend. Spouses are invited.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.