

**Hurricane City Water Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**March 28, 2017**

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

**Others Present:** Mike Vercimak, Weston Iverson and Connie Martin

**Item #1 Call To Order, Prayer**

Chairman Greg Last called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and offered prayer.

**Item #2 Review Minutes of January 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

Ken had some minor changes to the minutes. Pam motioned to approve the minutes with the changes, Mac seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Item #3 Expansion of the Irrigation System**

Mac reported on the meeting that was held last week with the City Council, Water Board and Canal Board on the possible expansion of the irrigation system. The Canal Company was approached by the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) about applying for a grant to expand their irrigation system to better serve their customers. It was proposed to expand east of 180 W, north of 400 S to 1250 W and include service lines to customers along 400 S. The Canal Company suggested getting the City involved. The grant money was setup to protect river systems. The Canal Company and some of the surrounding cities have applied for the grant. It will pay 50% of the cost. Engineering estimates have come in at \$10,000,000. This would include building a new pond at 1300 W between 1300 S and 1500 S.

If the stockholders in the Canal Company agree, the City could provide irrigation water to everything north of 1500 S and west to 1760 W. At the meeting last week, those present seemed agreeable to the proposal. This will still need to be voted on by the Canal Company Stockholders. Mac stated he has talked to several of the Board of Water Resources who would be willing to loan money to the project between 1% and 3% interest. The 50% match would be approximately \$5,000,000.00.

Mac stated they should hear if they have made the first cut by end of April. If approved, the proposal will need to be reviewed for any corrections and basic engineering done. The next cut will happen by November. If the grant is approved then, the money should be available. The project has to be completed within five years. Mac and Kelby suggested maybe doing the project in phases to alleviate the expense burden. This might be a better option.

Mac mentioned that Kevin Demille is putting in a subdivision on 1100 South. The canal runoff can hinder his project. Smaller pipes and sprinklers can help avoid this. Troy asked how the City would be able to pay their portion. Mac explained the connection fee would probably need to be increased and the monthly fee would need to be increased. John talked about the difference in the price of culinary water versus irrigation water.

**Item #4            Report on South Fields Tank**

Ken reported on the South Fields Tank progress. The floors and columns have been poured. The walls will be poured next week. The waterline along 1100 W from Frog Hollow to 3000 S is almost finished. The Dixie Springs tank is still waiting on easements. Brent Gardner has had some success with the property owners, and the project should be started soon.

**Item #5            System Update**

Ken reviewed the status of the system. He mentioned the Stratton #1 well pump has gone down. The motor quit working and had to be pulled. It needs to be baled and brushed, then re-installed along with a 6" column pipe. This should be installed in about a week.

The West Well pumps have been pulled and inspected since they are still under warranty. They are still working fine. They will be back soon.

**Item #6            Budget Review**

Ken went over the current budget. He mentioned the Dixie Springs rate increase was approved and will be reflected on the current billing. He discussed the red line items, which were few. Troy asked where the money is coming from to fix the pumps. Ken mentioned that depreciation money could be used. Pam asked how many potential customers there are in the irrigation area. This will need to be researched.

**Item #7            New Business**

Connie asked the Board to review an irrigation connection situation at 690 N 200 W. The customer would like to discontinue paying for the connection fee and the monthly fee. He may be moving. The Board agreed the customer needs to finish paying for the connection fee, but the irrigation water can be turned off and locked. The monthly fee can be discontinued.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35