

SVSLB HOA BOARD MEETING 11/6/2023

Meeting held in person at Freeland library

Present:

Tim Hillman
Bob Winquist
Norm Ledbetter
Cheri Filion
Richard Townsley
Nathan Ware
Barbara Bennett
Ed Sheets

Four observers were present

Rick called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm.

I. Secretary's report: Cheri Filion

Cheri was not present at the board meeting on July 29, 2023. Barb Bennett took those minutes and submitted them for approval.

Ed moved and Bob seconded a motion to approve those minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

II. President's report:

King water sent out a letter re flushing our system. We usually send out electronically but King sent out letters to all. We put out signs. Q – Do we need signs? The consensus is to keep them for now and ask members at the next annual meeting.

King water lists are up to date.

Gary Kohlwes sent a letter asking to allow him to transeer a water right from one property to another. Almost none of the board had even seen it. Discussion followed which included a question about whether we need to get a legal opinion. We will try to get an answer for him at the next meeting in February.

III. Treasurer's Report: Karen Johnson not present, She reported thought that there is a delay in 3rd Q billing as new provider has a software problem.

- IV. Financial Report – Norm reported that there is no new news. He will have more at the February meeting.
- V. Operations: Tim said the system is in good shape. The filter is to be replaced in November. We will get a bill for media and valve assembly. We have been waiting two years for this to get done. The recent promise this would get done was made while State representatives were here for the sanitary survey.

The generators are OK for winter. The lower one is nearing the end of its life but still OK.

A few items were identified at the sanitary survey and they will get fixed soon.

PS : King water is now named NW Natural (NWN).

A discussion followed about whether or not the new company will be more responsive.

VI. Planning:

Ed Sheets gave an update on the Study funded by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Office of Drinking Water.

Both the Sun Vista/Sunlight Beach HOA and the Sunlight Beach Water Association water systems face similar risks from contamination from nitrates from additional septic systems upgrade of our water supply and from sea water intrusion as well as aging infrastructure requirements. The two water systems are participating in an independent study to evaluate these challenges and potential options to ensure a safe, reliable, and affordable water supply.

The study involves four tasks: 1) assess the condition, risks, and costs of continuing to operate the current water systems independently; 2) evaluate the feasibility and costs of relocating the wells and potentially other facilities for each water system operating independently; 3) evaluate the feasibility and costs of relocating wells and potentially other facilities for a consolidated water system; and 4) prepare a final report that compiles the results of the study.

We will schedule a joint Zoom meeting for the members of both water systems to review the results of Task 1. This task assumes that the two water systems will continue to operate independently at their current locations and will:

- Assess the existing condition of each water system and evaluate its ability to operate into the future including:
 - Inventory and map existing water system facilities.
 - Forecast water demands.
 - Evaluate the contamination risks and water capacity of each water system.

- Evaluate the required improvements and upgrades to meet the future needs.
- Estimate costs over the next 20 years.

All work under the DOH study grant must be completed by October 15, 2024. A combined presentation is planned to review the final report.

No decisions will be made until each board has completed a detailed review of the options, including the potential for funding assistance from the Department of Health. Any decision would require a vote of the membership of each water system. A decision to consolidate would require an affirmative vote by the members of each water system.

More information is available at <https://www.sv-slb.com/grant-documents>. The Task 1 Report will be posted before the information session.

VII Communications _ Barb reported that we need to communicate with our members about KING tides and septic as subjects of new fact sheets in the future.

So far three fact sheets have been sent out. Nathan will post them,

IX. GOVERNANCE: Bob reports there is no new to report. We will take up the annual meeting at the February meeting.

Rick interjected a discussion of whether we need an informational meeting pre annual meeting to discuss what is on the ballot before people have to vote on the issues. We will consider at the February meeting.

X VP: Nathan related that We need to let him know what specifically needs to be posted. He doesn't know unless we tell him.

Nathan moved and Bob seconded a motion to allow \$69.99 be used by the secretary to get word for a year to be able to carry out her duties. The motion was unanimously passed.

At the end of the meeting Bill Countner wanted to know why we held meetings at times few members could attend.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

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