


MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Steve Lester 

DATE: March 5, 2003

RE: 2003 Meeting for Water District 65B

Today's meeting was fairly well attended. The previous watermaster, Hank Berntsen, did not attend. He retired but is willing to lend a hand with a new watermaster if needed.

The same officers and advisory committee were reelected.

According to the County Treasurer's office earlier today, the district has \$2185 in its account. The watermaster was not called to deliver in 2002, did not submit a report for last year, did not submit a proposed budget for 2003, and is not owed any money for past services (was finally paid for pre-2002 work during last year). The slate is clean.

A budget of \$1400 was adopted at the same pay and mileage rate as last year: \$60 per day of watermaster service plus \$0.36 per mile. Additionally but within adopting the budget, the members decided to pay the watermaster a minimum of \$200 per year for paperwork etc. even if water deliveries are not required. The members felt this assurance of minimum pay was needed to attract a replacement watermaster. Assessments are not needed for this year given the current balance in the district account. The district did not adopt resolutions.

The watermaster prior to Hank is interested in returning to the job. She (Elizabeth aka "Zippy") was not present at the meeting. Zippy was elected watermaster with the hope she will accept the job. The chairman and advisory committee will meet with Zippy soon to work out some details. A vote was passed to delegate authority for finding a new watermaster to the advisory committee if Zippy decides not to take the job.

Some concern was expressed over the ability of the watermaster to regulate and measure water used by Dovel. An overlooked point was discussed: now that Dovel and Heffner share the same pipeline diversion, shouldn't Dovel's lateral off that mainline have controls and a measuring device in addition to the ones at the point of diversion on Porter Creek? This is similar to Roger Miller's use of the Oliver/Dobson pipeline in which Miller was required to install separate controls on his lateral line. The district will send a formal request to IDWR to look into this matter.

Some discussion followed about Rumsey's and Dovel's pending transfers to resolve SRBA differences. Copies of the transfers were distributed at the meeting in lieu of sending letters later in the transfer process (once transfer processing starts, will send letters to those not attending today's meeting).

I distributed copies of Internet research tips to the members to encourage use of this tool.

The 2004 meeting will be held at the same time and place.

Follow up includes:

- work with chairman and advisory committee to hire a new watermaster
- act on district's request, once received, about concern over Dovel's lateral
- schedule a field meeting(s) with new watermaster for training etc.

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FROM Steve L. ^{to John}
TO GARY ✓, John
SUBJECT 65B UPDATE

DATE 3/5/03

SEE Attached Summary. So far so good. I will
contact Adv. comm. e mid-April re new WATERMARKS.
I sent Hank a "thanks you" letter with certificate
signed by Karl.



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