

OCTOBER 3, 2009
BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Dean Anderson, chair. Those in attendance were Dean Anderson, Nancy Papineau, Dave Asselstine, Nadeen Walker, Jon Hunter, Dick Knutzen, Marilyn Laubach, Tom Walker, Tim Tayne and Ken Martig.

Tim Tayne from Clearwater Systems gave a report on the coliform reports for the past 3 years.

2007 - 4 months of bad reports + 1 E Coli report

2008 - 3 months of bad reports + 1 E Coli report

2009 1 unsatisfactory + 1 E Coli report

The water system has permanent chlorination and will continue until after the new tank is installed. Then will check with state to see if the chlorination can be discontinued. DOH must approve this.

Currently the water system is using only one storage tank due to the failing of the other tank. This requires daily water checks.

HIE water system current status with the state is OK as long as we continue chlorination.

The board is exploring possible grants available to finance the new tank and other water system improvements. Evergreen Rural Water of WA may possibly help with information on obtaining grants.

The water system is in need of tests required by DOH that are on a 2 year cycle this year. The costs will run about \$300 - 400.

Ken Martig Engineering gave an chronological updated report on the water tank and system upgrade.

Kirkpatrick's will pay 50% of moving the booster station from its current site to the new location.

By ordering a "standard" sized tank there is a definite cost saving rather than a custom one.

Martig recommended a wireless connection between the well and tank rather than a wire running between them as is used at the present time. It would be an advantage to have this in place before this winter to see how it will perform in inclement weather.

Two of the bidding tank companies warranty their tanks for 15 years. This is both inside and outside.

Because of space constraints on the site of the tank, consideration needs to be given for the best use of equipment and money.

As soon as funds are available and the size of the new tank are known, Marig can put out for bids. The amount needed for this would be \$5,000 to 10,000.

There may be an additional \$15,000 above the estimates for the tank, installation and equipment required for incidentals to complete the work. To complete the necessary improvements to the existing water system and bring it up to code. These would be blow off valves, roofing and line loops. This would bring the total for all new and improvements to \$200,000 for a loan or grant. Money needed currently would be \$5,000 for a new booster. Unless things progress rapidly, the earliest for construction to begin would be in the spring after the major winter rains.

Even though it is not required at this time, a temporary tank would take additional funds. A contingency plan is in place should this occur.

A Financial Report was given by treasurer, Nancy Papineau.

Currently two property owners are not up to date on their fees.

The De Lung property owners have requested to be removed from the water system. As a result, they were requested to sign an agreement to pay \$5,000 should they or subsequent owners of the property want to connect to the water system. De Lungs signed this agreement.

Thanks to Nadeen and Nancy an up to date accounting system is now in place for HIE association. This will make checking on finances easier as well as billing procedures.

It was agreed that a letter will be sent to property owners with a break down of the finances and the needed monies for the water system.

Nancy has applied to 3 banks for loans for the water system. She is also exploring the possibility of grants.

It was noted there is a need for a schedule of fees for late payments so that those paying in a timely fashion will not be bearing the costs of delinquent property owners. Nancy and Nadeen will work out this schedule for approval by the board.

Dave Asselstine gave a report on the pool.

After getting bids on decking for the pool, he recommended that any work be postponed until the water system improvements are resolved. It was felt that the decking could last a while longer.

New solar panels were purchased at an approximate cost of \$2,500+. These replace the panels that were removed from the deck area. The new solar equipment will help to reduce heating cost.

Calculating an assessment to cover the solar equipment was tabled until the next board meeting.

Dean Anderson brought up the suggestion of forming committees from property owners to handle various projects in HIE.

Some suggested projects were: landscaping, web page updates, maintenance.

The next board meeting will be November 21, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Marilyn Laubach, secretary