

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Report for February 2014

This report covers the monthly meeting of 2/6/14.

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This was the February Water Committee Meeting. It was held from 7:40 AM to 8:27 AM on 2/6/14

Attendees: Ed Rajsteter – Chair, Don Drew – Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner via phone, Peter Olander, Robert Roudebush, and Ken King.

We approved the Water Committee Report for December, 2013. There was no Water Committee meeting in January.

Water System Status

We are currently using under 20,000 gallons per day. There was a burst pipe in a house on Wildcat Drive that Don was able to identify and then work with the owner to get the repairs done. Bob said that the owner was very thankful for the help he got from Don in taking care of the problem.

Don said that some people may notice a higher level of chlorine in the water. Because of the leak we were using more water from WWL and they add more chlorine than we do.

Discussion of the Proposal from Wright-Pierce

Joseph McLean from Wright-Pierce had sent us a proposal as a follow-up to our meeting with him on 12/16/2013. The proposal is to take the initial engineering steps in defining an all concrete project for the lower dam outflow. It is available as a separate file called DrewPhase1Letter.PDF

While the all concrete approach would provide a longer lifetime approaching 100 years, the cost is significantly higher than the current proposal from D&K. The D&K proposal uses a concrete riser but a plastic pipe with a lifetime of about 50 years.

Proceeding with the Dubois&King proposal

We believe that the best thing for the district to do is to proceed with the D&K proposal. We voted and approved a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that we proceed with the Dubois&King proposal.

At our March 6th meeting, we will be meeting with Shawn Patenaude from D&K. We want to go over the project in more detail and talk about a time frame for it. This will probably be done in 2015. It will require permits from the state and this may take some time.

At the Annual Meeting we will present the plans for this project including how it will be financed. We will have to drain the lake again. We decided to also schedule a presentation to the community on July 12th. Dubois&King will also be there to answer any questions. We will do that as part of the Commissioner's meeting already scheduled for that date. It is important that we keep everyone informed about this project, the timeframe, and the extent of draining the lake that will be required.

Source Development/Improvement Project

Bob reported that WWL is working on the budget for this year and that will determine what we can expect to be paying WWL for water. At the Annual Meeting, we will give an update on our work in this area.