

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Meeting of 11/6/14

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This was the November Water Committee Meeting. It was held from 7:30 AM to 8:56 AM on 11/6/14. Attendees: Don Drew – Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner, Robert Roudebush, Peter Olander, Tony Salvucci on phone, and Ken King - Chair.

Also attending was Jim Vernon from Nobis Engineering.

We approved the Water Committee Report for October, 2014.

Water System Status

The system is running well. The usage is in the low twenties of thousand gallons per day.

Our bedrock well #4 is still down. Don did talk to Jamie Carr of Carr Well and Pumps and we can use a single-phase pump. Jamie is coming out to look at the wiring to see if we can use the old wiring or if it has to be replaced. Estimated cost is \$4,000. The Water Committee passed a motion to proceed with a new pump for this well.

Don looked at the usage data for the Infiltration Well during the previous lower lake draw down. There was always a small flow and so we should be able to keep the Infiltration Well in service during the draw down next year.

There will be a new water service installed on Swiftwater Circle by the end of the month.

Water Department 2015 Budget

Don and Bob presented the recommended budget for the Water Department for 2015.

In the Revenue section there was a recommendation that the names of the items 2-4019 and 2-4019B be changed. They currently say Water Rental and this does not seem to be appropriate.

We do not recommend any increase in the annual water fee. There has been a surplus building up in the Water Department accounts and this is quite large. We will have the Lower Lake project next year and it looks like we will also be moving ahead with a new water source. We are close to the recommended borrowing limit. We recommend that the Commissioner's find a way to allow these surplus funds to be used on the above two projects.

The Water Committee voted to approve the recommended budget except that we recommend that 2-5071 which is being moved to a separate account remain at \$8,000.

Lower Dam Outflow Project

Dubois&King were on site to do a boring and a survey. This information is needed for the permit process which is underway for next year's project.

Jim Vernon – Nobis Engineering

Jim Vernon gave us an update on the test well drilling that was underway during the week. The good news is that we did find water in both the F2 and F3 sites. He expects that F2 could produce 25 to 30 gallons per minute as a production well. They did perform a test pumping and also measured the recharge rate which was good.

We had a discussion about one of the problems with the drilling company. The pump they brought with them was not functioning very well. Jim admitted that this did slow the process down. The drilling company was leaving the area on Thursday evening and returning on Monday with a new pump.

The plan for Thursday was to move to site B by the lodge.

There was also a discussion about how to get the water from any new pump into our system. There had been a discussion with Scot Clang on Monday, December 3rd about this topic. Scott is convinced that we can use the existing water pipes to transfer the new well water into the system. All current test well sites are close to an existing water pipe.