

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE WHISPERING PINES DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A public meeting of the Whispering Pines Domestic Water Improvement District was convened on February 10, 2013 at Fire Station 71, located at 10603 N. Houston Mesa Road, Payson, Arizona, 85541.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Jim Abbott at 3:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Present at the meeting: Jim Abbott, Terry Bruner, Lisa Ehlers, Bob Hull and Evelyn Wilkerson.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Jim Abbott.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2013:** Bob Hull moved that the minutes be approved as presented; Lisa Ehlers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balance as of January 20, 2013: \$5,625.96. Net cash provided by Operating Activities: \$305.02. Balance as of February 10, 2013: \$5,930.98.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
7. **BUSINESS:** The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:
 - A. **Discussion and possible action re: Report of meeting with Town of Payson. ACTION: Tabled.**
 - B. **Discussion and possible action re: Report of meeting with SRP. Jim Abbott will report the results of his meeting with Steve Westwood.** Jim Abbott reported that he will be meeting with Steve Westwood on February 13, 2013. The Board suggested questions to be asked at this meeting. **ACTION: Tabled.**
 - C. **Discussion and possible action re: Hiring an attorney.** Lisa Ehlers and Jim Abbott met with Michele VanQuathem, Sheryl Sweeney and Rita MacGuire. It was their determination that Ms. VanQuathem is the most qualified as she has experience working with water issues and she is familiar with the various entities involved. Lisa Ehlers presented the contract from Ms. VanQuathem. Copies of the contract were given to Board members for their consideration. **ACTION: Lisa Ehlers moved that she and Jim Abbott enter negotiations with Ms. VanQuathem for the water agreement contract and the Board will take a final vote at the March meeting; Jim Abbott seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**
 - D. **Discussion and possible action re: Purchase of Board liability insurance.** Bob Hull submitted an insurance quote from Burns and Wilcox, an affiliate of Crabdree Insurance, for an annual fee of \$744.00. There was some question about fiduciary coverage as an additional fee of \$100.00 was listed in the document. Evelyn Wilkerson noted that Farmer's Insurance Group (quote presented at the January meeting) had asked for our annual income. Bob Hull said that he had not presented the District annual income, only our current balance. **ACTION: Bob Hull moved that we purchase this insurance; Lisa Ehlers seconded. Jim Abbott suggested that the motion be amended to include the rider that Bob Hull seek further information about fiduciary coverage and does the annual premium depend upon District income; and that Bob Hull be authorized to purchase the insurance to include fiduciary coverage dependent upon the answers to these concerns. Bob Hull accepted the amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.**
 - E. **Discussion and possible action re: Liaison with Brooke Utilities. ACTION: Tabled.**
 - F. **Discussion and possible action re: Possible issues arising with Gila County Board of Supervisors and/or Gila County. ACTION: Tabled.**
 - G. **Discussion and possible action re: Survey of WP well owners. ACTION: Tabled.**
 - I. **Discussion and possible action re: Election of new Officers. ACTION: Jim Abbott moved that the current Board Officers be reelected; Terry Bruner seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**

8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No members of the public were present.**
9. **CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**
- A. Discussion and possible action re: Report of meeting with Town of Payson.
 - B. Discussion and possible action re: Report of meeting with SRP.
 - C. Discussion and possible action re: Hiring an attorney. Approval of the contract with Michele VanQuathem.
 - D. Discussion and possible action re: Purchase of Board liability insurance. Review information from Bob Hull about purchase of liability insurance.
 - E. Discussion and possible action re: Report of contact with Brooke Utilities.
 - F. Discussion and possible action re: Budget Issues. Reactivate Budget Committee.
 - G. Discussion and possible action re: Possible issues arising with the Gila County Board of Supervisors and/or Gila County.
 - H. Discussion and possible action re: Survey of WP well owners. Continue working on identification of wells.
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT: Lisa Ehlers moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved.**

NEXT REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING- March 10, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Fire Station 71, 10623 N. Houston Mesa Road, Payson, Arizona, 85541.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2013.

**Whispering Pines Domestic Water Improvement District
By Evelyn Wilkerson, Clerk**