

**EL RANCHO FLORIDA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – February 5, 2020**

The El Rancho Florida Metropolitan District held their regular monthly meeting on February 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The following Board members attended the meeting:

Steve Swisher - President
Robin Boucher – Vice President
David Shipps - Treasurer
Jim Belcher – Secretary
Ken Charles

Also, present for the meeting were: Robert Ludwig – Consultant, Tom Riley & Ryan Bonomini – Water Operators, and Marsha Moreland – Administrator. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

AGENDA: A motion was made approving the agenda for this meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion approving the minutes of January 8, 2020 was made, moved and passed.

WATER REPORT:

System Updates – The problem in December when the water outage occurred, up by the water tanks, was due to the valve failing at the 60,000 gal tank. The line broke in the saddle. An excavator was needed to replace the line between the tanks, all the valves and suction manifolds. Because of the different fittings, pressure was not able to be maintained which made it difficult to keep customers in service that live around the tank. The new pumps were submerged in water and had to be dried out for a week. The pumps were able to be used again after drying out. Now the building has a 6” drain which will prevent flooding of the pump house and this situation from occurring again

The electric service is going to be a Single Phase, 320-amp service. This will enable the District to pump 300 gal./min back to La Plata Archuleta Water District if need be. The electrician is just waiting on the transformer to come in, and then it will be completed.

The installation of a fire hydrant at Oxford Place would only pump 200 gal./min. To upgrade the pumping station with the appropriate amperage would cost approximately \$350,000 . The question came up about annexing into Durango Fire District, rather than being served by 3 different Fire districts.

Water Loss Report – Tom and Ryan will read as many meters as possible at the end of this month. They will be looking for water leaks as well.

960 Sundance Circle complained that their driveway was sinking due to the water line project last summer/fall. Sonny Hale brought in rock to place in the driveway and stockpile the remaining for Rex to have for additional areas that may need gravel.

Testing – The 9 year Conversion Water Sampling will be posted on the web site.

Letter to the State – Steve reported that the letter has not been sent yet. He needs more information as to WHO the correct person & department to send it to. Robert Ludwig spoke with Ty Ingles, with State Health Dept. and they may be changing the chlorine requirement to a much lower level for District. He feels that the 2.2 ppm is way too high and feels it should be designated to a .8 ppm as the system was designed for and approved for.

Leak Detection Survey - Robert reported that to have a survey done it is approximately \$3200. The tank level does play a part in the water loss report. Tom is to give Marsha a tank level when reading the meters. For every foot of water in the tank level it amounts to 6400 gallons.

Wastewater systems – The EPA is looking for what systems are causing ecoli. Pump solids regularly and add RIDDIX. Lagoons, septic tanks and engineered systems all need to be maintained. EPA is doing check points along the river for traces of ecoli. Residents/Owners need to be reminded to maintain their systems.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Accounts Receivable Report – Marsha emailed the report prior to the meeting.
2. Accounts Payable – The list was reviewed, and a motion was made, moved and passed to approve the payables submitted
3. Director Compensation – Marsha reminded the Board that at the first of each year it is the option for the Board to receive compensation for each meeting they attend in the maximum amount of \$75/meeting. It was decided that while the boards have not elected to be paid in the past, the Board does choose to be compensated for 2020 meetings.
4. HOA Annual Meeting – At the Oxford Grange on February 11th. All Metro BOD are to be there except Ken Charles who will be out of town. There will be NO discussion regarding the ‘club house’ at the pond area at the Annual Meeting.

ROAD REPORT:

Rex was not present, but he had emailed his report to the Board prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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