

**EL RANCHO FLORIDA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – April 1, 2020**

The El Rancho Florida Metropolitan District held their regular monthly meeting *virtually* on April 1, 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 virtually were: Robert Ludwig – Consultant, Tom Riley & Ryan Bonomini – Water Operators, Cory Lindt- Planet Excavation and Dan Speece – All Seasons Plumbing 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 March 4, 2020 was made by Jim Belcher, moved by Ken Charles and passed unanimously.

WATER REPORT:

1. **System Updates** – The system is running well at 35 gpm. Tom Reviewed the list below of meters that needed repair from last month due to leaking meters/services:

a. ***691 Sundance Circle*** – old meter and curb stop was replaced. Total cost Planet Excavation was \$2,079. The culvert was causing the meter pit to move due to pressure.

b. ***89 River Front Place*** – Actually 2 leaks. Old hardware with service curb stop valve and old PVC that had no sleeve. Lower grade PVC will be problem for homeowners with service lines. The homeowner stated there were NO problems with the line until the water line replacement project took place. Both Contractors concurred on what caused the problem.

It was agreed that all Homeowners should be notified that when repairing their service line it should be done with something other than PVC pipe. A motion was made that the Metro District will assume responsibility for the problem and repairs of \$3,921.68 due to old piping that becomes fragile. All agreed that more discussion will follow in upcoming months. Tabled until further information is available.

Steve asked that for future repairs there be more documentation on the repairs, causes along with pictures. Ken Charles would like to know if the shut-off valves are all located on the Goff Engineering plats. Tom stated that they are, however, there was some confusion on his part due to lack of experience with the system. There also followed a brief discussion on the ‘joint service line replacement project’ that the Board would like to implement. Not sure just WHEN that will be at this time.

2. **Leak Detection Survey** – The board has decided to wait on further discussion on this until things dry up a bit. Directed Tom and Ryan to find as many leaks on their own prior to getting a survey done. Move this item to ‘Pending’ on the Agenda for upcoming meetings.

3. **LPEA Transformer Installation** – Robert is still waiting on LPEA. Everything is done on the plumbing side of the connection. COVID -19 is causing some delays for LPEA’s work. The Board wants Robert to apply some pressure on LPEA and try to get this done sooner than later.

4. **Research Annexation into Durango Fire District** – The Board would like to see one fire district responding to the Subdivision instead of 3 different ones. (Los Pinos Fire District, Upper Pine Fire District and Durango Fire District) Steve and Marsha will draft a letter to all 3 districts and ask their opinion as to the logistics of annexing into just one fire district for the Subdivision.

5. **Service Line Replacement Program** -Tom and Steve will get together to develop a proposal for the Board to consider. There will be more discussion in upcoming meetings. Marsha will list this item in ‘Pending’ since COVID-19 will have an impact on property owner’s ability to fund part of this project.

ADMINISTRATION:

- 1) Accounts Payable Report – Reviewed and approved.
- 2) Accounts Receivable – Report was given by Marsha at the meeting. COVID-19 will have some impact on resident’s ability to pay timely. Consideration will be given and arrangements worked out by Marsha and the property owner as situations arise.
- 3) Virtual Meetings – A motion was made approving the resolution to hold ‘Virtual’ meetings until COVID-19 calms down and also for ‘Emergency Meetings’ that may come up in the future.
- 4) Approve the ‘Disaster Declaration’ as proposed by Floyd Smith in applying for help from Federal Government if need be. The Board also approve doing the ‘Extension’ to the declaration in 7 days if funding is needed.
- 5) COWARN – Nice program but geared more toward Cities and Counties and communities along interstates.
- 6) Watershed Protection Plan – Steve would like Robert to remind the County that the District already has a plan in place. Ken Charles will contact the County on our boundaries. The plan that is in place is integrated with Edgemont Ranch, City of Durango, Colvig Camp, La Plata County Airport, etc. Robert said that every Board member was sent that years ago.

ROAD REPORT -Rex was unavailable for the virtual meeting but had sent his report to the Board prior to the meeting and it was reviewed by the Board. Robin will be scheduling Desert Mountain to mag the roads in April or early May. Their cost went up by .12 cents a gallon for 10,000 gallons of mag solution. The application will be for Cassidy Drive, Ranchos Florida Drive and to the bridge. Robin will get with Rex on the additional driveways that need gravel placed at their entrance.

COMMON AREA – Jim Belcher and Robin Boucher will be doing weed spraying in the commons area a little earlier this year. The situation does look decent overall as far as the weeds go. The next few weeks they will be spraying. There is chemical left over from last year's application so no purchase is needed this year. The Russian olives need trimming and removal over by Chacon's and Fox's lots.

Fiber Optics – Jack Wasserbach will call Jeff Wester, committee head for researching the fiber optics coming into the subdivision. Jack has volunteered to help with research.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Jim Belcher, Secretary