

**EL RANCHO FLORIDA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING – February 3, 2021**

The El Rancho Florida Metropolitan District held their regular monthly meeting **virtually** on February 3, 2021 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: Tom Riley & Ryan Bonomini– Water Operators, Robert Ludwig – Water Consultant, Rex Emenegger – Grader Operator, Floyd Smith- ERFM’s Attorney 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.

**I. MINUTES:**

A motion approving the minutes of January 6, 2021 regular meeting was made, moved, then passed.

**II. WATER REPORT:** (Tom Riley)

- a) The system is running great. No meters were read in January.
- b) LPEA transformer will not be ready until May. Tom and Robert will be sure that everything else will be done by Sonny Hale and John Phillips prior to the delivery of the transformer. The contact person for LPEA is Carolyn Foster in Pagosa Springs.
- c) **Water Rates Discussion:**

Bud Smith, Attorney for the District, said the Board should adopt a Water Rate Restriction Policy prior the summer usage. Smith reviewed what the City of Durango and other districts do. There followed a discussion on the usage of 50,000 plus water used for gardens and marijuana farms. Should the district have a ‘commercial’ rate for those situations? Anyone growing for commercial purposes would need to have a ‘commercial’ license.

It was agreed that a letter should go out immediately to the users encouraging conservation this summer and to be mindful of the water system’s supply and how it works. Educating the users is vital for protection of the water system. The 10,000 gallons in the summer months (included in Base Fee) is adequate for most users. To protect the water supply, Smith stated that services can be shut off if in violation of the District’s Conservation Policies/Restrictions. A ‘punitive’ conservation rate, more restrictive than current rates, needs to be adopted and residents informed prior to April. He will draft a letter for the Board to review by the March meeting.

**Emergency water rates being considered by the Board are:**

- 10,000 to 20,000 gallons @ \$5/1000 gallons is \$100 over the minimum**
- 20,001 to 30,000 gallons @ \$10/1000 gallons is \$100**
- 30,001 to 40,000 gallons @ \$15/1000 gallons is \$150**
- 40,001 plus is billed @ \$25/1000 gallons**

**III. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a) Accounts Payable: A motion was made and passed approving the submitted payables.
- b) Accounts Receivable: Brief discussion on report sent out prior to meeting.
- c) Audit 2020 – There will be adjusting entries done by Franke White of Clark White & Associates.

**IV. ROAD REPORT:**

- a) Rex emailed his report to the board prior to the meeting
- b) The bulletin boards are done except for the one on Oxford Place which will be done in the Spring.

**V. COMMON AREAS:**

- a)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.