

EL RANCHO FLORIDA METROPOLITAN BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting – 755 E. 2nd. Avenue, Ste. OC

September 1, 2021

Board members in attendance: Robin Boucher – Vice President; David Shipp – Treasurer and Jim Belcher – Secretary.

Also present was Tom Riley & Ryan Bonomini – Water System operators; Rex Emenegger, HOA President and Road Maintenance employee and Marsha Moreland – Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

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

MINUTES: A motion was made approving the minutes of the July 7th.

WATER REPORT: Tom Riley

Meters were read on August 26th. Water usage is down because the residents are doing 'a great job' on conserving water. The leak at the plant in the connection of the frost-free hydrant is broken at the entry point of the system. The part is a 24" saddle for a ¾" tie in. The hole is 6' deep. Tom is putting orange fencing around the site to deter anyone from falling in. Cost to fix the leak is approximately **\$8,000**.

Tom will coordinate with the electrician, John Phillips, when part for the well house heater and vent come in. Also, the 150-watt amp is on hold until parts come in to finish up the connection to LAPLAT. Phillips is helping Tom work out some electrical glitches at the pump house and getting new sensors.

The tank overflow ditch that is running along Paul Valdez's engineered sewer system is a concern. It was agreed that a pipe should be put in down towards the corner and under 73 Ridge Place driveway in the culvert. Sonny Hale estimates \$1500 for 8" pipe and \$3250 for labor to install and lay riprap.

A motion was made, moved and passed to move forward with the 'fix' on the diversion pipe for at Valdez's for approximately **\$5,000**.

TANK ANODES: It was agreed that the divers are to move forward with the installation of the cathodic anodes in the tank. Tom will check to be sure they do not need to drain the tank causing water to drain down to Paul Valdez's system.

Tom noted that the hydrant at Cassidy and Sundance needs a repair and he will take care of that.

The annual water sampling tests are completed and results came in well below all levels of concern.

'SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT' Project: The project was discussed and the logistics of the program need more consideration. Project is tabled until 2023 Budget for 'possible' implementation. There would be no grant money as it is not District property.

SOLAR POWER FOR THE PUMP HOUSE: The costs involved do not warrant solar power at this time. Tabled for future discussion.

ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Accounts Payable - A motion was made to approve the submitted payables.
- b) Accounts Receivable – Nothing to report.
- c) Budget 2022 – A motion was made, moved and passed to appoint Marsha Moreland as the District's Budget Officer for 2022.
- d) The Board would like Tom and Marsha to work on the next cycle of grant applications for possibly the Service Line Replacement project and an old tank replacement.

ROAD REPORT:

- a) Rex will be finishing up cleaning all the driveway culverts and road crossings this week.
 - *251 Pioneer Circle* driveway culvert is crimped bad and needs to be cut off or replaced.
 - *120 Sundance Circle* there is concern about a hole near the culvert and elevation concerns. The culvert across Sundance Circle is 18" higher than the bar after drainage.
 - *173 River Front Road* no culvert is needed there, no drainage concerns.
- b) A partially exposed 4-pair telephone line was cut leaving three owners without service. One customer, Janowsky, was out of service. Ran the service line through 2 driveway culverts.
- c) Alternatives to Roundup: There are 3 products: 2-4D, Rifle and Grazinex (Milestone), but they do not treat the invasive species very well long term. The only effective option to treat invasive weeds is Rodeo according to the County and Basin-CO OP. The district is obligated to spay invasive weeds in the road ROW and common areas. Spraying the road ROWs it is to keep the drainage water running thru the ditch and not spilling over into the roadway compromising the integrity of the roads. Irrigation water also needs to reach those property owners who hold Project water rights. It is a County-wide ordinance to control 'invasive' weeds. More discussion at next meeting.

ADJOURNED at 7:30 PM

_____ Jim Belcher, Secretary