

Hello Neighbor,

**PSWID has scheduled a special meeting on Saturday May 8, 2010 at 2:00 PM at the Pine-Strawberry Fire Station in Pine. This meeting consists of a workshop for the 2010-2011 budget and Mr. Fumusa will make another pitch to unload the Solitude Trails DWID on PSWID.**

**May 5, 2010 PSWID Meeting**

**Next regular PSWID Meeting: Wednesday May 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Pine Cultural Center**

1. Corrections
  - a. My apologies to Mr. Lovetro, I have been spelling his name incorrectly in the last few emails.
  - b. In the last email I speculated that PSWID has been paying for the repairs on the Strawberry Hollow well. Mr. Haney stated that the owner of the Strawberry Hollow well has been paying for those.
  - c. I had said 2001 for the year of the Solitude Trails caused water shortage. I have since learned that it was 2002.
2. Presentation by Economists.com
  - a. Mr. Dan Jackson of Economists.com made a presentation to try and quell the public's concerns about the deficits that PSWID has been running. I will write more about that once I have a copy of the presentation material.
3. Board Votes to Buy the Milk Ranch Well for \$400,000
  - a. The board voted 6-1 to buy the Milk Ranch well for \$400,000. There was some mention that PSWID would also be providing 50 residential connections and two commercial connections as part of the deal. Details on the agreement were not provided in the meeting. Mr. Haney dissented.
  - b. The appraisal being done by Tetra Tech has not been delivered yet. When asked why they were moving ahead without the appraisal, Mr. Dickinson said that it hadn't been started and they couldn't wait for it. Mr. Tanner Henry, the district's engineer, stated that it had been started and was just waiting for the recent pump test data to complete.
  - c. As part of the pump testing, samples have been taken and have been provided to a filtration company for analysis and to form the basis for a proposal for sand abatement. According to Mr. Haney, depending on the material found in the water, abatement costs could range from \$10,000 to \$150,000. Mr. Haney's objection to going forward with the purchase was that without the information on what the filtration costs will be, that the value of the well can't be determined.
  - d. Compass Bank has to approve all transactions over \$100,000.
  - e. A write-up in the Payson Roundup can be found here:  
<http://www.paysonroundup.com/news/2010/may/07/ps-district-moves-buy-well/>.
  - f. Comment: What do you do if your attempt to get your own appraiser appointed to value your property fails and you don't think you will like the

number on the appraisal? You close the deal before the appraisal arrives and gums up the works. It is hard to imagine any explanation as to why the board could not wait a couple of weeks for the appraisal. It is hard to imagine a reason why the board couldn't wait a few weeks to determine what the filtration costs are going to be. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent without the information that the board needs to make a sound decision. This well is not going to be in service this summer, so why couldn't they have waited a couple of weeks to get the information that they needed?

- g. Comment: There isn't enough information to tell whether the \$400,000 is a good price or not. One thing that needs to be known is the side deals. The mention of the 50 residential and two commercial connections probably implies that at the least the impact fees would be waived, which is probably a \$50,000 to \$75,000 value. If PSWID has to cover line extensions for those meters the value could be much higher. Reduced water rates could also add to the total cost. Not to mention the \$64,000 that the district has already spent repairing the well and the filtration costs that are yet to be determined.

#### 4. Miscellaneous

- a. The board said that they have short-listed three applicants for the position of General Manager. They will be contacting the applicants and will be setting up interviews of the candidates with the board.
- b. The board said that they have short-listed three legal firms to take over the legal counsel duties of Ms. Stephanie Gliege who has resigned as the district's lawyer.

This email is from the group Water For Pine Strawberry. We will be sending out an email after each of the PSWID meetings with a summary of what the board did, additional facts that are relevant to what went on, and some commentary. Please forward this email to friends and neighbors that are interested in the local water issues. If you would like to be added to or removed from the list for these emails, please reply to [WaterForPineStrawberry@hotmail.com](mailto:WaterForPineStrawberry@hotmail.com). Emails on earlier meetings are available on our website: [www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com](http://www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com) .

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