

Hello Neighbor,

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) .

As I indicated in an earlier email, I am running for the PSWID board in November. I don't plan to campaign through this email list, but I wanted to let you know that I have a separate website that talks about my intentions with regard to the PSWID board: [www.Schwalm4PSWID.com](http://www.Schwalm4PSWID.com). I am not aware of the other candidates having websites, but if/when they do I will pass those along to you as well.

### **August 21, 2008 PSWID Meeting**

**Next regular PSWID Meeting: Thursday September 18, 2008 7:00 PM at the Pine Cultural Center**

- **Board indicated there is likely to be short special meeting Labor Day weekend to approve an financial advisor**

#### 1. Report from CVL on Capital Improvement Budget and projected Operations Budget

- CVL has sent a report on their estimate for the cost of the capital improvements that they think are needed and their estimate of the operations budget. Copies of two tables from that report were handed out at the meeting. I have posted them here: <http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/data%20pages/CVLPage.htm>.
- Mr. Haney indicated that the numbers mean that there will not initially need to be a rate increase. He also indicated that the differences in rates between Pine and Strawberry may not be changed when the district takes over. Comment: It doesn't seem right that people within the same water district would pay different rates. Everyone should be shouldering the costs equally.
- I will be going through their numbers in comparison to the rate impact analysis that I sent out previously. I will be sending out an email which looks at the differences and makes any necessary adjustments to the rate impact analysis.

#### 2. Report from citizens group

- At an earlier board meeting, Mr. Bob Cassaro was asked to get people together to give ideas about what they would like the water district to accomplish. There were two meetings, I was able to participate in the first meeting and another member of WFPS, Mrs. Bernice Winandy, participated in both meetings.
- Mr. Cassaro presented to the board and the material he presented is posted here: <http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/data%20pages/BrookePSWIDDocs.htm>.
- Unfortunately Mr. Cassaro took the opportunity to add his own material and pass it off as being representative of the group. Only the first page represents the activities of the group. The rest of the pages are Mr. Cassaro's opinion.

- Mr. Cassaro's argument on the pages that he added seems to be that Brooke was pumping up expenses in 2007 to support a rate increase. Had Mr. Cassaro read the documents he presented more closely, he would have seen that 2008 is being used as the basis for the next rate case.
  - The 2007 numbers that Mr. Cassaro used came from a preliminary 2007 ACC report that Brooke provided to Coe and Van Loo to assist them in their appraisal. These numbers are not final and may change. This is yet another example where documentation is being provided to Rim Country Water and its associates without it being made available to the public at large.
3. Discussion of fire hydrants
- There was a general discussion on the desirability of having fire hydrants and it was generally agreed that they would be a good thing to have.
  - There was some discussion as to whether the funding of fire hydrants should be by the PSWID or the fire district and who should define the flows necessary, placement, and the spacing. Board members Mr. Smith and Mr. Weeks were assigned the task to begin talks with the fire department.
  - Mr. Pugel made the reasonable suggestion that since fire hydrants would benefit everyone, that it made sense to fund fire hydrants through property taxes.
  - Comment: Before fire hydrants can become a reality, issues with water supply, storage, and water line size and placement will need to be solved first.
4. Change order for the CVL contract
- Board approved an additional \$5500 to be paid to CVL to return for two days and do a physical inspection of the assets for a more accurate appraisal.
  - The original appraisal cost was \$31,000. This represents an increase to the cost of the appraisal of 17.7%.
5. Purchase financing
- After returning from executive session, Mr. Haney announced that they had received an offer from Municipal Leasing Credit Corp. to finance the purchase.
  - The board is going to hire a financial advisor to evaluate the offer. Mr. Haney said that it looked good, but gave no details as to terms.
  - Also discussed that Brooke had requested financial information from the board and their financing plan. The board will be providing that to Brooke.

Water For Pine Strawberry is a group of residents who are concerned about the communities water issues and how they can best be resolved. Visit our web site, [www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com](http://www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com), for more information. The website for PSWID is [www.pswid.org](http://www.pswid.org) .

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