

Hello Neighbor,

Work has taken up a lot of my time so I am going to be sending this out in two parts.

The meeting was exciting. It hit its peak with a board member slamming down a chair and yelling at me to stop asking questions. Clearly the board does not want anyone to know how this is going to be paid for.

They are also refusing to provide electronic copies of the presentations, so please excuse the quality as I am scanning from paper copies.

October 15, 2009 PSWID Meeting – Part 1

Next regular PSWID Meeting: Thursday November 19, 2009 7:00 PM at the Pine Cultural Center

1. Additional Information on Loans
 - Both loans must be paid in full by September 30th, 2012. If not paid by then the loans go into default and 5% is added to the interest rate.
 - For the Line of Credit (LOC) loan, all draws must be done in first two years.
 - For the LOC loan, the interest only payment period is fixed as the first two years, regardless of when the draw is taken.
 - Both loans are amortized at 20 years.
 - Comment: A three year payback period seems like too important a point to have gone unmentioned. This seems to me to add risk as it puts a great deal of pressure to refinance, no matter what the cost. If they don't get a favorable bond rating or interest rates head up significantly from their current very low levels, this community is going to get hammered with expenses.
 - Comment: There aren't any questionable conditions in the loan like there were in the earlier attempt at immediate possession. Instead of a condition that required buying the Milk Ranch well, it now it has a condition to use best efforts to reasonably acquire additional water sources.
2. Acquisition and Operations Update Presentation
 - Mr. Harry Jones gave a presentation on spending. The presentation can be found here: <http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/data%20pages/BudgetDocs.htm> .
 - More to come in part 2.
 - Usage restrictions signs will be updated to reflect the water availability in the water system with the same criteria that Brooke used. However, they are for information only. The board does not expect to put in place any enforcement of the usage restrictions.
 - Comment: My neighbor said that the new district operations can move pretty fast when it needs to. Mr. Dean Schaffer went in her yard and didn't pay attention to the sign about the Rottweiler. She said he was pretty quick on his feet getting back out.
3. District Rules and Regulations
 - The rules and regulations document is up to 80 pages. The board members were asked to review the document prior to the next meeting.

4. Economists.com Presentation
 - Mr. Dan Jackson of Economists.com The presentation can be found here: <http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/data%20pages/BudgetDocs.htm>.
 - In summary, it was acknowledged that property taxes and borrowed money were going to be used to make the no rate increase for two years possible. However, there was no information provided on how big a gap there is expected to be between water revenues and expenses. When asked how much the deferral of the rate increase is adding to the total cost, he said that he didn't understand the question.
 - More to come in part 2
5. New Water Supply Planning
 - Mr. Mike Ploughe gave a presentation on possibilities for additional water. The presentation can be found here: <http://www.waterforpinestrawberry.com/data%20pages/BudgetDocs.htm>.
 - In summary, he said that fixing the Milk Ranch well would be \$120,000 to \$150,000. He said that they are also looking at the Strawberry Hollow well as an alternative. When asked whether the board was buying the Milk Ranch well before spending that much money to redo the well, Mr. Haney said that they haven't worked out those details.
 - More to come in part 2
6. Grant Application to WIFA
 - The board approved making a grant application to WIFA for money to develop an engineering plan for repair, replacement, and expansion of the water system.
7. Posting of Meeting Notices
 - The board voted to have the official meeting notice posted in the glass case outside the PSWID offices. They will also be posting to the website and have courtesy posting in the Library. They will no longer be posting at the old Strawberry Market or the library (I think they were posting there as well, but not sure)

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. Emails on earlier meetings are available on our website: www.WaterForPineStrawberry.com .

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, for more information. The website for PSWID is www.pswid.org .

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