

Hello Neighbor,

1. November 20th PSWID Meeting Summary Delayed

- Due to logistical problems and the Thanksgiving holiday, the meeting summary won't be out until the first week of December.

2. PSWID Election Results

- The following are the results from the November 4th election:
 - Dickinson: 855
 - Schleizer: 867
 - Schwalm: 561
 - Smith: 927
 - Weeks: 1020
 - Write-in: 17
- Mr. David Rogers of the Gila County Elections was kind enough to send me the breakdown between local and out of town voting. He also sent the results from the recall election last March. It is interesting that there were about the same number of ballots cast in both elections, but the number of out-of-town ballots dropped significantly.
 - March Recall: Local Ballots = 889; Out-of-Town Ballots = 770; Total = 1659
 - November 4th: Local Ballots = 1539; Out-of-Town Ballots = 100; Total = 1639
- When compared to the nearest board member, I received 39.6% of the vote. That is pretty much the same percentage that the prior board members received in the recall election.
- Another interesting thing about the results between the recall and the November election is the change in the amount of ballots cast that did not include all four Rim Country Water (RCW) candidates. In the recall election at least 4.6% of the ballots did not include votes for all four RCW candidates. In the November election, that increased to at least 19.3%. The two candidates that received substantially higher vote totals were not part of the recall voting. Not sure what this means. Perhaps it reflects the candidate's general popularity in the community amongst those that don't have a strong opinion about the board.
- Comment: I can't say that I am not puzzled by the outcome. Mostly about why, with the shift in voters between the two elections, the results were almost exactly the same. I knew that it was going to be an uphill battle given the advantages that the other side has. If I had it to do over again, I think that I wouldn't have signed up for the \$500 limit on campaign spending. That turned out to be very limiting in what I could do.
- Comment: This has been a valuable experience for me. I have enjoyed meeting a lot of people that I would have otherwise not had a chance too meet. I would like to thank all of those who helped me with the campaign, opened their homes, helped with letter writing, and donated funds. I would like to thank those who have encouraged me in these efforts.

3. Going Forward

Mr. Pugel spent the time during the November 9th executive session chewing on me to stop this effort for “the good of the community”. A couple thoughts are:

- Whether you agree with our assessment of the situation or not, we bring a lot of information to light that would otherwise have been buried. The information is made available to people that wouldn't otherwise have the time to dig it up on their own. I have received a lot of feedback from people that can't attend meetings that they appreciate being kept informed about what is going on. Providing information is always good of the community.
- Mr. Pugel and Mr. Fred Krafczyk want to control the flow of information so that it only reflects the story that they want to tell. Many times they have stood up in the PSWID meetings and delivered the message “trust the board, they will tell you what they are doing when it is time for you to know”. We believe that the community always has a right to know.
- As part of the conversation with Mr. Pugel, he said that he had seen “my kind” before who are opposed to progress. I am very much a free-market capitalist and am not opposed to people putting their property to any good use. What “my kind” is opposed to is having the public subsidize developers. My kind is also opposed to efforts to mislead the public in that regard. I personally ended up being so involved in this because I couldn't stomach the blatant misinformation put out by Rim Country Water (RCW) for the recall. Particularly the part about the purchase of the water companies being “free”. Using a flawed report from Economists.com that includes a gimmick with the terms of the loan, they have successfully perpetuated that myth through another election. I think that the public deserves an honest accounting of what this is going to cost. Not only the cost if everything goes the board's way, but also what it is likely to cost if it doesn't.
- We have every intention of carrying on with our efforts. Losing an election doesn't mean that you give up your right to speak. It just means you have to work harder to be sure that you are heard. When Mr. Pugel's petition effort to purchase the water companies in 2003 failed miserably, he didn't stop his efforts because the people had spoken and it was “for the good of the community”. We don't intend to stop offering information to the public and our assessment of what it means.

4. Milk Ranch Well Conflict of Interest

- Mr. Pugel has hired Mr. Dale Davis to represent him with regard to the potential purchase of the Milk Ranch well by the district. The board is using Mr. Gliege as their legal representation. I believe that because of his relationship with Mr. Pugel, that Mr. Gliege has a conflict of interest in representing the district in matters relating to Mr. Pugel. Mr. Gliege has a lucrative current financial relationship with Mr. Pugel through his representation of Mr. Pugel in actions before the ACC. Mr. Gliege likely has expectation of future work for Mr. Pugel. These are dependent on Mr. Pugel being happy with Mr. Gliege. In representing the district, what is best for the district may not be something that would please Mr. Pugel. I think this creates a conflict of interest for Mr. Gliege.
- The board waived all concerns about conflicts of interests with Mr. Gliege in the contract that they signed with him. However, the board should recognize the

potential in this situation and obtain different counsel to represent the community with issues dealing with Mr. Pugel or any other employers of Mr. Gliege's.

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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