

# Ledgewood Beach Water District

Monthly Minutes

Meeting date: January 10, 2017

Commissioners attending: Ralph Young and Don Pinter  
Whidbey Water Services representatives: Andy Campbell  
Others attending: Dale Hockstra

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

The first order of business was the swearing in of Dale Hockstra as the replacement Commissioner for resigning Chad Gladhart

The minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting were presented and approved.

Monthly financial statements were presented by Andy Campbell. Vouchers 1-1 and 1-2 for \$815.00 and Capital Improvement voucher 1-1 for \$578.28 were approved and signed by the commissioners. The CI voucher was for WWS's finish clean-up of the rewiring on the pump house.

The Commissioners signed a new signature sheet for the County Auditor.

Andy indicated that the leakage of water by the pump house during back flushing was probably the result of freezing in the 4" drain. He indicated he removed the rubber expansion gasket which will prevent spraying of the water if the problem reoccurs. In such an event the water will pool outside the pump house as it did this time and sink into the ground.

Andy presented the account usage report from their last meter reading. Ralph expressed concern as to the timing of our receipt of the report. He feels that the sooner we receive the report to sooner we can detect any unusual high usage which may be caused by a leak. Don asked if the report was available in a MS Excel format that we could sort by columns to prepare other reports. Andy indicated he thought it was. We will look further into this. This time the usage corresponded with the well production.

Ralph again questioned if the fire department had contacted WWS. They had indicated they would be testing all 9 hydrants at an estimated water loss of 500 gallons per test, 4,500 in total. Speaking of hydrants, Andy mentioned they will paint hydrants that need paint for \$60/hydrant using special paint for hydrants.

Ralph brought up a possible intertie with Bonair's water system. It has been considered back in 2014 but not acted upon due to landslide issues. He also brought up doing a backflow prevention survey. This was discussed last year but not acted upon. It would

probably be done in June or July when most residents are here for the summer.

Chlorine test – The chlorine tests during December varied from 0.2 – 0.8. Dale indicated some concerns regarding his testing in that he tested at his house before realizing his whole house filtering systems may have tainted some of his tests before he tested elsewhere.

Avocet Test Reports – Andy provided us with the recent Avocet water test results. It showed chlorine good and no traces of Coliform. All inorganic chemicals were well below requirements and Iron and Manganese were not detected.

Andy mentioned that the Navy was continuing their well testing for toxic firefighting foam contamination. At present, only one place near the end of the runway tested above the legal limit. However, other wells did test positive but below the legal limit. Consequently, they were moving their testing outward and would be testing Admirals Cove's wells this February.

Before leaving, Andy expressed concern about some trees shortly past Alderwood on Pinecrest that pose a root problem in regards to our water main running underfoot. (We did go out after the meeting and inspect the situation. It was noted that further down on Pinecrest there were other trees that were of equal if not greater concern. We need to survey the neighborhood and determine the extent of the problem and formulate a plan.)

Ralph mentioned he had signed us all up for the upcoming Washington Water and Sewer Districts' annual training meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We will arrange carpooling into Lynnwood.

Ralph indicated we were at our one year anniversary with Whidbey Water Systems (WWS). We will look at how the year went.

Budget – We reviewed the final tally of year 2016 and our draft 2017 budget. Three new items arose for 2017; the demolition of the old powerhouse at 1903 Pinecrest (\$5,000), intertie with Bonair's water system (\$7,500), and replacement of the roof on the firehouse (\$3,000.00 LBWD's ½ share with LBPOA.)

A discussion followed regarding the original cost vs. current value of our water system. The water tank was built in 1996 and appears to be in good condition. Recent inspections of the interior were good. The water mains were also put in in 1996 and have an estimated life of 45 years. Replacement will be on an as needed program.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Don Pinter, Acting Secretary