

Custer Water Association (CWA)
Annual Business Meeting 2022 Minutes
Custer School Library
December 5th, 2022

1. Meeting called to order 7pm by Curtis DeVries, President
 - a. Quorum: 24 Members in attendance representing 239 shares.
2. Minutes from the previous Annual Meeting held, January 5th 2022.
 - a. Read and approved for record
3. Reports of Officers and Committees:
 - a. Maintenance Projects include:
 - i. New meter installed north bound WA DOT rest area
 - ii. Birch Bay Lynden Road wash out, Nov 16, 2021
 1. Temporary emergency water supplied to Percy water association, approximately 16 houses.
 2. Percy water line along Ham Rd, became operational and was able to be disconnected from CWA 7 July.
 3. Percy paid in full for the water.
 - iii. 45 – maintenance call outs, well alarm. Float switches replaced in August – significantly decreasing the call out alarms.
 - iv. Line flushing occurred three times: March, June, Sept 2022.
 - v. Train Derailment – Dec 22, 2020
 1. Work to replace water line might begin by the end of the 2022.
 2. Iverson will install the new line for CWA and BNSF will reimburse CWA all costs.
 - vi. Department of Health inspected well site.
 - b. Annual Financial report.
 - i. Distributed. All members able to view.
 - ii. Motion to sell the 3 CD's at next opportunity to help buffer the savings account for the BNSF repair.
 1. Voted and approved.
 - iii. Depreciation rate for Fixed Assets was asked.
 1. Board will take for action.
4. Election of Trustees – **Officers**
 - a. Nancy Brandt, Secretary / Treasurer, term expires 2022
 - i. Agreed to another 3 year term, expiring 2025.
Voted/approved

- b. Curtis DeVries – President, term expires 2023
- c. Bill Coughran – Vice President, term expires 2024
- d. Rae Spain - Member at large, term expires 2024
 - i. Kristi Johnson will continue to assist as needed.
- e. New Officer nomination – No new nominations.

5. Unfinished / Old Business

- a. Property tracts around current well site that were approved for sale – next steps:
 - 1. Appraisal
 - 2. Offer former owners first right of refusal
 - 3. List properties
- b. Delinquent accounts – update
- c. Computer System at well site to monitor water level.
 - i. Curtis hopes to address this in the near future.
- d. Pole building at well site needs repair. Door not closing properly.
 - i. On hold awaiting funds
- e. Shed needed at well site to protect valve manifold station. Approximately 10ft x 10ft
 - i. When funds available with get an estimate.
- f. Potential need for new accountant.
 - i. Members made aware of the potential need to find a new accountant.

6. New Business / Open Discussion

- a. Cost of water share is \$9,200.00 and monthly maintenance fee \$30.00.
 - i. 2023 - Suggestion to hold monthly maintenance fee to \$30.00
 - ii. 2023 Suggestion to hold water share cost to \$9,200.00, 2023.
 - 1. 2024 Increasing to \$9,5000.00
 - iii. Suggestions discussed and voted into approval.
- b. Open Discussion + New Business
 - i. Information was requested about irrigation project along I-5 at Zell Rd. Curtis provided re-cap.
 - 1. One time agreement and project was charged full amount for water usage.
 - ii. Security System at well site concern
 - 1. Board will address
 - iii. Need for new accountant

1. Most in attendance had at least one negative or confusing issue with their invoice.
 - a. Including not receiving bills, checks not clearing bank and checks being credited to incorrect shareholder number.
 2. Board will take for action.
- iv. Website for Association
1. One time cost estimated \$300.00 - \$500.00
 2. Board will work with web designer who was in attendance.
- v. WA State Department of Ecology Adjudication of Water Rights
1. Brought to the attention of group for the potential adjudication of the CWA into the Nooksack Basin.
- vi. Old Settlers / Percy Water systems
1. Members inquired if the board had contact information for the other local water associations.
 - a. Board will take for action.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm, by Curtis Devries, President.