

Custer Water Association (CWA)
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Custer Methodist Church, 2996 Main St, Custer
November 11, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Curtis DeVries
 - a. Quorum: 31 Members in attendance representing 251 shares.
2. Minutes from the previous Annual Meeting held, November 13, 2023.
 - a. Read and approved
3. Reports of Officers and Committees:
 - a. Maintenance Projects:
 - i. Line from the Museum south along Custer School RD down Portal Way just past the concrete fence business. Upgraded to 6" line and 2 hydrants installed.
 - ii. Line flushing occurred: December, April and August.
 - iii. Major leaks occurred and repaired.
 1. Arnie / Bruce - Jan 2024
 2. 4th Street - Jan 2024
 3. Main St - August 2024
 - iv. Major water usage by Fire Department:
 1. No occurrences during reporting period.
 - v. Electronic pump controls installed on wells and reservoir to monitor and record water level.
 1. Ongoing project complying with WA Department of Ecology reporting requirements.
 - vi. GIS System - Ongoing as time is available for the mapping of water lines, hydrants, meters and blowoffs.
 1. Open source software which can be accessed by mobile phones.
 - vii. Reservoir last cleaned Jan 24, 2023.
 - b. Annual Financial report.
 - i. Distributed. All members able to view.
 - ii. 1 Share sold 2024 - Well certified for 280 Shares
 1. 7700 Custer School Rd - Share #251
 - iii. Continued progress on delinquent accounts
 - c. New Bookkeeper / Accountant - 1 November 2024 start date:
 - i. Becki Lawson, Elle's Business Solutions will handle account.
 - a. Notable changes - new invoice design, multiple ways to pay invoice, new mailing address, one

phone number to handle both maintenance and accounting inquiries.

- d. WA Department of Ecology Nooksack adjudication 2024
 - 1. Awaiting certified letter from the Department of Health to report our usage and certificates.
- e. Department of Environmental Protection - Lead Line Survey Inventory
 - i. Requirement of all water systems to provide information to users
 - 1. Report submitted to EPA
 - 2. Information available on website
 - 3. Property owners have been notified if the lead line content is unknown.

4. Election of Trustees – **Officers**

- a. Bill Coughran – Vice President, term expires 2024
 - i. Agreed to 3 year term, expiring 2027
- b. Rae Spain - Member at large, term expires 2024
 - i. Agreed to 2 year term, expiring 2026
- c. Nancy Brandt, Secretary / Treasurer, term expires 2025
- d. Curtis DeVries – President, term expires 2026
- e. Ben Vahl - Member at large, term expires 2026

5. Unfinished / Old Business

- a. Property tracts around current well site that were approved for sale.
 - 1. Board is researching, tracts have not been listed
- b. Interconnect with adjacent water systems
 - i. Contact information has been obtained for Percie and Old Settlers water associations.
- c. Pole building at well site needs repair. Door not closing properly.
 - i. No update
- d. Security System at well.
 - i. Solicited ideas from group

6. New Business / Open Discussion

- a. Cost of water share is \$9,500.00 and monthly maintenance fee \$30.00.
 - i. Recommend no change to monthly rate - \$30.00/month.
 - 1. Billing 2 tiers
 - i. Up to 700cf - \$30.00
 - ii. 701cf and above - additional \$0.022
 - 2. Approved

- ii. Recommend no change in cost of share.
 - 1. Approved
- iii. Continue Bi-monthly meter reads: - Approved
 - 1. Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov
- b. Recommendation to increase base water usage from 700cf to 1,000cf.
 - i. Board will research financial and water usage implication.
- c. New projects suggestions:
 - i. Redo line on Main St, Bruce Rd west to dead end, increasing to 8" and adding hydrant (s)
 - ii. Filtration System - installed at well.
 - iii. Phase 2 completion - Run line north along Portal Way between golf course and Creasey Rd (project already drawn up).
 - iv. Interconnect with Old Settlers - 6" line on south side of Grandview 1,900ft.
 - v. Bore under train tracks at Main St to tie into downtown Custer - This would bring connections crossing the tracks to 3.
 - vi. Re-run line on Fox Rd. Currently 2 1/2" small and odd size. Eventually run a line across Vista and down Fox and put a hydrant on corner of Vista and Fox.
 - vii. Expand line at corner of Bruce turning to Arnie to 8" to Valley View.

7. Meeting Adjourned by Curtis DeVries - 7:55pm.