

Custer Water Association (CWA)
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Custer Methodist Church, 2996 Main St, Custer
November 3, 2025

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Curtis DeVries
 - a. Quorum: 32 Members in attendance representing 261 shares.
2. Minutes from the previous Annual Meeting held, November 11, 2024.
 - a. Read and approved
3. Reports of Officers and Committees:
 - a. Maintenance / Upgrade Projects:
 - i. Main St west of Bruce Rd. Line replaced to 8", 2 new hydrants, 7 new meters.
 - ii. Line flushing occurred: December, April and August.
 - iii. Major leaks occurred and repaired.
 1. 2941 Main St, Share #84 - Jan
 2. 2875 Fox Rd, Share #158 - Feb
 3. 3164 Arnie Rd , Share #30 - March
 4. 2947 Main St, Share #121 - March
 5. 3002 Creasey Rd, Share #76 - April
 6. 2960 Creasey Rd, Share #123 - June
 7. 7013 Olson Rd, Share #2 -July
 8. 3230 Creasey Rd, Share #110 - Sept
 - 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.
 1. Will be scheduled for 2026
 - b. Annual Financial report.
 - i. Distribute: All members able to view.
 1. Question about Income entries
 - a. Board will forward questions to accountant for clarification.

ii. 10 Share sold Nov 2024 - October 2025 - Well certified for 280 Shares

1. 3580 Arnie Rd - Share #252
2. 7000 Olson Rd - Share #253
3. 3111 Main St - Share #254
4. 3050 Main St - Share #255-260
5. Ham Rd - Share #261

iii. Continued progress on delinquent accounts

c. Bookkeeper / Accountant - 1 November 2024 start date:

- i. Becki Lawson, Elle's Business Solutions
 - a. Request shareholders use PO Box 165 Bellingham to replace the Ellis St address for bill payments.
 - b. If shareholder would like to pay a different amount than the current invoice, please call Becki for a new invoice.

d. WA Department of Ecology Nooksack adjudication 2024

1. Received certified letter from the Department of Health to report our usage and certificates - CWA in compliance.
2. Recommendation to seek professional review of CWA's status.

e. Department of Environmental Protection - Lead Line Survey Inventory

- i. Requirement of all water systems to provide information to users
 1. Initial inventory report submitted and continually updated.
 2. Information available on website
 3. Property owners have been notified if the lead line content is unknown.

4. Election of Trustees – **Officers**

- a. Nancy Brandt, Secretary / Treasurer, term expires 2025
 - i. Agreed to 3 year term expiring 2028
- b. Curtis DeVries – President, term expires 2026
- c. Ben Vahl - Member at large, term expires 2026
- d. Rae Spain - Member at large, term expires 2026
- e. Bill Coughran – Vice President, term expires 2027
- f. New Officer nomination - ?

5. Unfinished / Old Business

- a. Request from last annual meeting to research ramifications of increasing base water usage from 700cf to 1,000cf.
 - i. Results presented
 - ii. Approved to keep base level to 700cf
- b. Property tracts around current well site that were approved for sale.
 - i. Board is researching, tracts have not been listed
 - ii. Shares will be reserved for the three tracts
- c. Interconnect with adjacent water systems
 - i. Contact information has been obtained for Percie and Old Settlers water associations.
- d. Pole building at well site needs repair. Door not closing properly.
 - i. In process of collecting quotes.
- e. Security System at well.
 - i. No progress

6. New Business / Open Discussion

- a. Request from shareholder for a block of shares be saved for existing homes in the current CWA boundaries who currently use personal wells and in the future may wish to purchase.
 - i. Approved
- b. Request for 10 shares to be set aside as emergency and/or contingency funds
 - i. Approved
- c. Summary of share allocation
 - i. CWA authorized 280 shares by WA Department Health
 - 1. Currently 261 allocated
 - 2. 10 Shares in reserve for contingency
 - 3. 3 Shares reserved for property tracts owned by CWA
- d. Cost of water share is \$9,500.00 and monthly maintenance fee \$30.00.
 - i. Change monthly rate - \$35.00/month.
 - 1. Fund maintenance/repair requirements
 - 2. Build maintenance/repair contingency fund
 - 3. Voted and approved - Starting 1 Jan 2026
 - ii. Recommend change in cost of share to \$10,000
 - 1. Voted and approved - Starting 1 Jan 2026
 - iii. Continue Bi-monthly meter reads:
 - 1. Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov
- e. New projects suggestions:

- i. Filtration System - installed at well.
- ii. Phase 2 completion - Run line north along Portal Way between golf course and Creasey Rd (project already drawn up).
- iii. Interconnect with Old Settlers
 - 1. 6" line on south side of Grandview 1,900ft.
 - 2. Connect along Bay Rd using a pump to feed the systems
- iv. Bore under train tracks at Main St to tie into downtown Custer - This would bring connections crossing the tracks to 3.
- v. 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.
- vi. Expand line at corner of Bruce turning to Arnie to 8" to Valley View.
- vii. Upgrade line along 75th St.

7. Meeting Adjourned by Curtis DeVries - 8:25pm.