

Notes from Water Project Committee meeting:

When: 7/21/11...1:00 to 2:30 PM

Where: Community Center

Attendees: Al Moren, Claudia Ellsworth, Steve Chapin, Kathy Deuster, Judy Greinke, Ellis Pottorff

This was mostly an update of the engineering activity provided by Claudia. The previous day the Department of Health did a survey of our system. These surveys are required every five years for Class A water systems. The last report/survey was completed in 2006. The sanitary survey at the well was completed...they look for sources of contamination. Although it is agreed we presently have a "Rube Goldberg" type operation, we passed with flying colors! Some items will be repaired by Washington Water to bring us in to compliance. (The DOH likes Washington Water.) Coloform reports are good and WUE as a baseline is complete.

Regarding the time line: we are somewhat ahead of schedule. The next step is to complete USDA documentation. Claudia will meet with legal to get ownership docs prepared and "Owners' Letter to Engineer" will be completed within one week. Jester is currently preparing the bid documents. The bidders' conference will occur in late August.

The WPC should remain in existence but the chairman should contact the Board to see if the mission statement should be rewritten. The committee should meet with Jester...possibly the third week in August...to review the bid docs.

Regarding interim financing: nothing to report until we have selected a contractor. Key Bank is still interested.

Regarding need to survey: water property will be surveyed because it needs to be fenced. Minimum in bid docs: contractor will have to provide line of sight surveys. **The committee strongly suggests putting one single GPS point of reference somewhere in Tract A near the Community Center for future surveys.**

The application for IRS tax exemption for the HMC Water Utility Board is currently in progress.

Communication plan during construction: Beachcomber (special water issue in the September B/C), email distribution list, separate letter in October, neighbor to neighbor, white board notices.

Next WPC meeting: To be determined...probably late August to review bid docs.

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