

ORCHARD BEACH COMMUNITY GROUP SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 21, 2014

Called to order at 1:05 PM

All officers present

Dear Orchard Beach Community Group Member:

This is to report the results of the special meeting held June 21 and what they mean going forward.

We were joined by Jonathan Wiley of NW Water Systems, the contractor that has helped with our water sampling and testing for several years. Jonathan wears a second “hat” as part of Water First Capital, and the meeting began with him elaborating on the firm’s offer, as outlined in our February letter to you. Basically, in exchange for taking ownership of our community water system, Water First Capital would also take responsibility for making the capital improvements and doing all the paperwork needed to respond to the demands being made on the system by state regulators.

After many thoughtful questions and much discussion, two motions were proposed by group members and adopted without dissent:

- 1) It is moved that the Orchard Beach Community transfer the ownership of the community water system to Water First Capital, effective October 1, 2014; and
- 2) It is moved that Orchard Beach Community require properties with current water hookups that do not have meters either install a meter that meets state standards or pay \$750 (either lump sum or on a payment schedule not to exceed two years) prior to the transfer of the water system to another owner.

Jonathan indicated that the monthly water charge will be \$46.41, collected for two months at a time. As our annual assessment has been \$360/year, this would amount to an increase of approximately \$10.50 per month. The difference would go toward the added costs of ensuring that the system has access to and can pump the amount of water necessary to serve the maximum needs of the community, which is basically what the state is demanding (plus complete the installation of meters).

In summary, we will no longer own or control the water system after Oct. 1, meaning the board will be dissolved then as well. Also, if you have yet to install a meter, consider taking care of that before the handover (\$750 is the same fee charged by the vendor that installed most of the meters already in place; you have the option to possibly save money by having an installer of your choice do the work, provided it meets standards).

Thanks again to those who attended the meeting, we had important decisions to make and it was good to have a strong turnout.

Jim Farrell, President

Erika Aust, Vice President

Ella Mullins, Secretary/Treasurer

Tom Mullins, Trustee