

PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Water Enhancement Committee Meeting

Thursday August 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

PSWID Administrative Office

6306 W Hardscrabble Rd.

Pine, AZ 85544

1. CALL TO ORDER

Larry Bagshaw called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Larry Bagshaw

3. PRAYER

Offered by Larry Bagshaw

4. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Conducted by Larry Bagshaw: Committee members present: Larry Bagshaw, Roger Childers, and Pam Mason. A quorum was present. Paul Hendricks, EUSI, David Dickinson, the General Manager, and Sharon Hillman, the Finance Manager, were also present.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

I. Discussion on buying water from Portals 4. Pam Mason read from their June 19, 2021 minutes that they expected PSWID to contact them regarding purchasing water, but that they were also looking for more water resources for their district. Larry Bagshaw commented that the last offer they made to sell us water was for \$1 million per year. David Dickinson said that they were currently asking too much for their water. No action was taken regarding purchasing water from them.

II. Water Share Agreements – Purchase vs. Continuing Water Share Agreement.

Larry Bagshaw asked if any of the current well owners with agreements would be interested in selling their wells to PSWID. Possibly McKnight's well, as soon as the estate is settled. No others that we are aware of. Should we use PSWID wells first, and then the water share wells? Larry and David Dickinson were both of the opinion that we should use the water share wells monthly, just to keep them healthy. David will set up a template for well purchase to give a better cost estimate for us. We could possibly do a public solicitation for well sharing or purchase. Sharon Hillman mentioned that the policy for purchasing and water share agreements is in Section 7 of the district's Rules and Regulations. The question was also raised as to what wells were removed from water share agreements and turned back over to the owners.

III. Notices to the Public to conserve water. David Dickinson said that ADWR will be requiring all water providers to send out water conservation notices to their customers. Sharon Hillman mentioned that we do have water conservation information on the PSWID website. When we do send out conservation notices, we should cite the actual statistics. We should also contact the Payson Water Conservation person to see what they do.

IV. Discussion on Water Moratorium – policy and requirements. Developers and individuals are asking when the moratorium will be eased or discontinued. The current Rate Study that is underway should tell us how much water we will need to provide our customers, and how much is available. Sharon Hillman will ask when the data will be available. Due to the current drought in the SW, the water losses in the district, and lack of well recharge from lack of winter storms; we cannot in good faith relax the moratorium. The summer monsoon storms have been good, but may have not made any significant water level increases in the wells. The field staff is sounding the wells currently to check the levels. Roger Childers would prefer to keep some percentage of the moratorium in effect for the future. Adding wells to the system, and drilling a deep well in Strawberry should help, but there are also a lot of unknowns regarding the geological controls in the area that affect where wells will produce water. We are looking for help from SRP in locating the new deep well.

V. Inactive wells Pine/Strawberry. The K2 well is currently being tested, as is the Trails End in Portals 3, and the SR Ranch 5 well. The SR Ranch 5 well has a sounder cable in the bottom that needs to be removed, but other than missing casing which also might be in the bottom; it seems to be viable with good porosity in the walls. Larry Bagshaw suggested that we should run gamma logs on our wells, if not a full log suite. David Dickinson said that no one local has the equipment to run those, but he is looking into it. Christy Mikesell, who has volunteered to be on the committee, said that there were four dry wells drilled to a depth of 700 feet in her acreage near Whispering Pines. We need to talk to the driller and see if he actually hit the granite and metamorphic rocks or just a hard layer in the limestone that he did not want to drill through.

7. IDENTIFY POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT WATER ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

- I. Template for well purchases/water sharing agreements.
- II. Water Conservation notices
- III. Rate Study data
- IV. Review the water share policy in the Rules and Regulations and the current agreements.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN. Roger Childers moved the meeting be adjourned. Pam Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.