

# Ames Lake Water Association

Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2015

7:00 P.M

## Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order

**David Hoffmann** called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of **Ames Lake Water Association** at **7:10 PM** on **October 13, 2015** in the Association's business office.

- Roll Call

The following Board members were present: Sherri Zucker, David Hoagland, Merlyn Blue, Jack Praino, and Mark Freeman. Michael Bicak joined at 7:15 PM. Also present: Bob Pancoast, ALWA operations manager, Kristina Myers, ALWA office manager and Richard Jonson, counsel.

- Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda, containing:

- Minutes of the September Board meeting,
- Membership Transfers,
- Water Loss adjustments and,
- Aging Accounts.

*Merlyn moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Jack seconded. All approved.*

- Checklist & EFT Approval

*Jack moved to approve the checklist and EFT transfers. Mark seconded. All approved.*

- System Manager Report

Bob provided system updates:

- August/September water usage returned to historically normal range.
- At the Annual Meeting, 25 members were present, 109 ballots were submitted.
- An October 8 State Supreme Court decision went against Department of Ecology in *Foster vs. Ecology* and has further limited Ecology's powers in granting new water rights to water-constrained utilities. This case is a continuation of the law which makes it infeasible for ALWA to apply for new water rights.
- Maintenance was performed on 72 fire hydrants, about one third of the system's total.
- The personnel-sharing arrangement with Sallal Water Association will be curtailed, reducing available assistance for operations. The on-call program with Sallal will not be affected. Management will contact other local water operators to investigate similar cooperative agreements.
- A new Chlorine mixing system was installed at the American Hills well. Tests demonstrate Manganese levels reduced by 2/3. Residual Chlorine levels should also be reduced over the old system.
- Maintenance and installation of sand separator was performed on the Carnation well. The well now can produce up to 60 GPM.
- Bob and Kristina performed analysis of water usage relative to rate tiers, presenting results to the Board. The primary conclusion from the study is that the current rate structure has

achieved the goal of controlling peak water usage. After discussion, the Board will review the information and consider whether adjustments are needed to the current rate structure at the next Board meeting.

- ALWA office/shop update:
  - The Conditional Use Permit and Zoning Variance should be issued by King County in about two weeks.
  - The Board reviewed updated building and landscape plans.
  - Target completion for the facility is 1Q2017.
  - **Action item:** Bob will present construction financial projections at the December Board meeting.

- Business Manager Report

Kristina reviewed monthly financial reports and the following:

- A Member requested the Board consider forgiving their \$25 late fee for backflow testing. *Jack moved to deny removing the late fee. Mark seconded. All approved.*
- Office building owner has suggested the tenants enter into cooperative janitorial arrangement. Kristina was authorized to negotiated needed interior cleaning services.
- Loreto is still disconnected; partial payment was refused.

- Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be **November 10, 2015, 7:00 PM** at the Association's business office.

- Adjournment

**David Hoffmann** adjourned the meeting **9:36 PM**.

Minutes prepared by Mark Freeman, Secretary