

Ames Lake Water Association

Board of Directors Meeting November 10, 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 **7:01 PM** on **November 10, 2015** in the Association's business office.

- Roll Call

The following Board members were present: David Hoffmann, Sherri Zucker, David Hoagland, Merlyn Blue, Jack Praino, and Mark Freeman. Michael Bicak joined at 7:18 PM. Also present: Kristina Myers, ALWA office manager, Warren Perkins, Engineer with Gray and Osborne and Richard Jonson, counsel.

- Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed contents of the Consent Agenda, containing:

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

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

- Consultant Reports/Vista Shop/Office Project

Warren presented Gray & Osborne's proposal for engineering services and building applications assistance. Total estimated cost = \$16,615. *Jack moved to approve enlisting Gray & Osborne's services per the proposal. Merlyn seconded. All approved.*

Action item: Kristina to investigate if View Park property owned by ALWA has connection to current RDA loans.

- Checklist & EFT Approval

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

- Business Manager Report

Kristina reviewed monthly financial reports and the following:

- Kristina is working on the website; IRS Form 990 is out for review; investigating benefit options for 2016, and will present results at the December Board meeting; employment security audit is underway; update on Loreto was provided.
- Kristina will meet with Vine Dahlen, ALWA's auditors, to discuss possible actions to resolve two remaining audit opinion items.

- Water Rate Schedule

The Board discussed results of last month's study of water usage per tier. Water right limitations and potential growth in new connections were discussed. There are undeveloped lots in the service area and while growth in new connections is likely to be small, the Board believes it is

very important to avoid litigation and claims that would likely result if the Association reverted to a moratorium. The Board expressed a clear consensus that the tiered rates were the most effective tool in limiting water use to permitted levels and leaving capacity to serve new connections. *Jack moved to maintain the current rate structure, to be reviewed in one year. Merlyn seconded. All approved.*

- Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be **December 8, 2015, 7:00 PM** at the Association's business office..

- Adjournment

David Hoffmann adjourned the meeting **7:44 PM**.

Minutes prepared by Mark Freeman, Secretary