

# Ames Lake Water Association

Board of Directors Meeting October 10, 2016

7:00 P.M

## Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order

**Jack Praino** called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of **Ames Lake Water Association (ALWA)** at **7:00 PM** on **October 10, 2016** in the Association's business office.

- Roll Call

The following Board members were present (in addition to Mr. Praino): Sherri Zucker, David Hoagland, Merlyn Blue and Mark Freeman. Michael Bicak joined initially by telephone, and in person at 7:48 PM. David Hoffmann joined at 7:03 PM and then took over as chair. Also present: Kristina Myers, ALWA office manager, Bob Pancoast, ALWA operations manager and Richard Jonson, Counsel.

- Business from the Floor

None.

- Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed contents of 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. Sherri seconded. All approved.*

- Checklist & EFT Approval

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

- Election of Officers

*Merlyn moved to nominate and elect a slate of the following officers to serve until their successors are duly appointed or elected: David Hoffmann, President; Jack Praino, Vice President; Sherri Zucker, Treasurer; Mark Freeman, Secretary. Jack seconded. All approved.*

- System Manager Report

Robert began his presentation with a short geology lesson on Belemnites, and handed out fossil samples.

He then provided system updates:

- Water production was normal for September. Unaccounted water usage has been increasing slowly, up to 6.6% for the last month. Water usage will be closely monitored, to try and narrow the location of a likely leak.
- The annual meeting was attended by 16 members and some of their spouses.

- A storage rental agreement with Carnation Farms was completed. All equipment and materials formerly stored at the Fall City Water District have been moved to Carnation Farms and to a storage container on ALWA property.
- A fire hydrant on Ames Lake Road was relocated and refurbished. Further hydrant work will proceed around Ames Lake over the next month.
- The valve exercising program will restart in November.
- Work continued to rectify the Lono coliform issue detailed in last month's Board minutes:

*A Level 1 Assessment and Corrective Action Plan* was accepted by the Department of Health.

Dead-end pipe leading to a decommissioned well was removed.

Approximately 10 feet of pipe at the end of the line was replaced, a hydrant and an automatic flushing unit were installed.

Four members' connections were replaced with new setters, check valves and meters.

Testing for coliform in this section will continue.

- In response to an ALWA member's question, Robert created an information packet explaining Hexavalent Chromium, aka Chromium 6 and its regulation. In summary: all water systems sampled in Washington State are below the EPA's limit of 100 PPB, as well as California's more stringent limit of 10 PPB.
- King County generated comments on the Shop/Office building permit application. Gray and Osborne prepared responses and submitted them to King County.

- Business Manager Report

Kristina reviewed monthly financial reports and the following:

- USDA has not yet issued reimbursements for erroneous withdrawals of payment for closed accounts.
- The IRS 990 form is being processed. It should be available for review and signature by the next Board meeting.
- The Board discussed moving money out of the operating account, to keep the balance within FDIC insurance limits.

*Jack moved to approve transfer of \$49,500 from the operating account and into the First Security savings account, and transfer another \$49,500 into the Opus savings account. Sherri seconded. All approved.*

- Old Business – None
- Business from the Board – None
- Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be **November 8, 2016, 7:00 PM** at the Association's business office.

- Adjournment

**David Hoffmann** adjourned the meeting at **8:25 PM**.

Minutes prepared by Mark Freeman, secretary.