

April 20, 2017 Meeting Agenda & Minutes

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Discussion, Action, decision

Discussion of paying the bills, and giving Christina time to take a look at bills and Bank statement. Charlotte was absent.

- Pay the Bills

We need \$892.41 to pay bills, Dan made motion to accept amount, Larry seconded, and John asked Christina to do the Secretary report. Dwight brought up second law suit payment and John personally paid \$600 out of pocket. Dwight made motion to reimburse John, seconded, all members voted unanimously. Someone brought up Errors and Omissions Insurance, liability insurance for Board. Total bills- 1,492.41....John motioned, Charlie seconded and all members voted unanimously.

- Reports
- Bank
- Law Suit

Our action to move forward has been accepted. The State answered our response on the 12th and we have thirty days after the 12th to reply to their response. A member questioned date and John responded that after the 12th 30 days would be May 12th. We would have to have the paperwork for the Supreme Court case underneath the Title of Bosta. Second law suit that John took on the \$5 fee is that we he went to court on March 14th, he asked the opposing attorney if they had filed a response and their answer was yes so he called it to the attention of the judge that he had not been properly served and he had asked it to be dismissed and the judge didn't want to make a decision so she gave him a 30 day time in which to respond and then reset another court hearing on April 25th, at 9am. In District One court, so we will be prepared to answer their request for attorney fees. The respondent's attorney went to the Water District and asked them if they could collect fees from him and their answer was yes and so they sent an invoice to John for 22,123.00 in expenses to be paid. John pointed out to the Judge that he felt that this was a violation of his Constitutional rights and was a method of trying to shut him up because he had been accused of harassing the Water District. The attorney said he was harassing the Water District because he testified at the State Legislature and so he basically just pointed out to them that he felt that this was a violation of his Constitutional rights to speak out. Mr. Schinhofen at the last Water District, public comment at the end of the meeting, as Liaison from the county accused him of harassing the Water District. He took and responded back that he was using his 1st Amendment rights to speak out in a public meeting and he felt that if they wanted to shut him up, it was un-Constitutional. And here in this case if you want to speak against some of the things they want to do, it is harassment. The two Commissioners who voted against abolishing the Water District have gone out and got the town boards to send letters opposing abolishing the Water District. Gabbs, Round Mountain, etc. Most of these communities have utility companies, some are private and some are public. And they are all saying it's important to save the Water District because of all the great work they are doing for the Counties. At the last Water District meeting, they brought up budget and he challenged the Secretary/Treasurer of

what NRS's they are applying to fund this budget. And they had a hard time answering him and so at the next meeting when they bring up the budget, the 24th, they are going to try to adopt the budget based on the \$5 fee. He believes the fee is for a service and they have not provided a service to the best of his knowledge. Not one drop of water. He reminded us to take a look at our tax bill and notice it says Water District Tax, they have never adopted a tax, it's a fee. The letter of Certification of the Dept. of Taxation says they are fine, but if you look at what taxes they owe, it's 0. Dept. of taxation isn't collecting any tax on them. But they are collecting a fee on our tax bill. And a fee is different from a tax and Section 8 says, they will collect a tax, and that's why he filed a law suit against them.

- Discussion regarding recent events in Carson City

John told us the Mirror listed water bills that are dead because they didn't make the April 14 deadline, he asked Kenny if he would speak on the water bills....Kenny said the April 14 date was all bills to be out of committee, we still have till April 25th for bills to get across the aisle and he reminded us that it takes our voices to make a difference, updated us on SB21, and let us know that Donna Cox is keeping an eye on this bill. Kenny reminded everybody about petition we have for abolishing the district.

- Discussion, Action, Decision

Herman brought up discussion on writing letters on getting opening public comment back on BOCC meetings and the importance of it. John discussed alerts on water bills and how to use Legislature. SB271 died because of us calling and emails we sent. Wade discussed how to use Janine's alerts. Wade gave phone for Carson City Legislatures to group and to Judith, for people without emails or computers.

- Vote on Christine Stern becoming Treasurer of the Co-op.

John made a motion for Christina Stern to become interim Secretary/Treasurer, explaining Charlotte has illnesses within family. Charlie seconded it and Christina accepted and all members voted Yay, No Nays..

- Discussion, Action, Decision
- Sending a check to Janine Hansen for her hard work in Carson City.

Made motion to send a contribution of \$500 to Janine, was seconded and members voted unanimously. No Nays.. John decided to go back to agenda item Pay Bills....

Discussion on Videoconference Water Workshop that will be on Friday, April 21, 2017

Registration deadline for this conference is April 18, 2017. It will be held at the Master

Gardeners in Pahrump on Calvada. If interested, call (775) 841-4222.

It will cost each individual \$35.00 to attend.

- Contacting your Assembly and Legislators
- Old Business
- New Business---Herman motioned passing a hat for donations, Dwight seconded and all members voted unanimously. No nays....Wade discussed sign for Wilson and Leslie... and Kenny can pick it up....John said it would be nice to help out Pahrump Museum by becoming a member. John closed meeting...all voted unanimously.

- Comments from members

NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING in the meeting room at any time. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS & RESPECT OF OUR GROUP'S MEETING FACILITIES.