

PRIVATE WELL OWNER CO-OP MINUTES SEPT. 15, 2016

The meeting began at approximately 10:00 am. Wade Hinden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 35 members and 50 non-members in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, we had two guests and John Bosta introduced them to speak prior to the meeting. He checked by by-laws as we are a 501 (C)(12) to assure that there was not a problem for a candidate to speak at the meeting. Dennis Hof is running for Nevada State Assembly District 36.

Dennis Hof stated that he has been in business in Nevada for 40 years and owns brothels and several other businesses. He stated he is not a politician but does not like the way things are going. He stated that he does not like the Commerce tax. The tax is detrimental and we don't need this tax. He stated he has written a book. He supported Tina Trenner. The Commerce tax has raised our taxes by a billion and a half. He is a conservative as well as a Libertarian. We are the real Nevadans. 81% of us voted NO but here we are with the tax and it goes to the rural counties not the kids. Look up "taxhikers.com" and see what's next. He stated he has a lot of wells. He does not want anyone to take his well water rights away. During the meeting, Dennis Hof asked if he could make a \$500.00 donation to take care of the web site. We are very great full for the offer and have accepted. He will be in contact with us soon.

The State Engineer is trying to take our water and/or reduce our water and they should pay for it if they do. We, who have wells, do not have to show beneficial use whereas the water rights SHOULD show beneficial use every 5 years. Ken Searles, a private well owner, is also on the Water Board. He shared with us that regarding the possible effectiveness, if the water law is changed. The people that have water rights should show use or lose but they are not doing that. If the law is changed, they may never have to show use or lose.

Mr. Maurizio sent out an email that we were in violation of our meetings by contracting a person to upgrade our web site. We have contracted Shane Coursen of "Let's Talk Graphics" and is being hired to upgrade our web site. He thanked us for having him at the meeting. In his motorcycle club he is known as "Hard Drive". He has a background of about 30 years in computers and computer security. He does onsite computer repair as well.

There is a website currently but it does not allow us to be interactive with members. He is redoing it by using "work press". However, use caution and there should be NO infighting with one another. The Board will be able to use it and keep it going. Shane's contract will cost \$490.00 and we have not violated any by-laws.

We have updated our bank account to U.S. Bank. We now have \$6,471.68 in our bank account. We have written 2 checks but we cannot do any more until we get our new checks.

I, Charlotte, made a statement that I had never made a deposit and had given all funds to Frank, cash/and or checks. We had locks changed on our Post Office box and also changed the bank. We want to make sure all of us are on the same page. We are waiting for new checks. According to our by-laws, we have to have 2 signatures on our checks. There was a great deal of discussion on how business was and how it was conduct before and how it has been upgraded.

One individual wanted to know if it was okay to pay by cash and we stated it was but for a paper trail it would be better by check.

Regarding our law suit, in the 1st week of June Tom Gibbons was terminated at pro bono attorney. Now we are in pro say. The Supreme Court still has the law suit but the Attorney General wants this to be taken care of prior to the start of the new legislation session. Paperwork was sent prior on the 23rd of this month. The Supreme Court is having a difficult time to rule against us. If they rule against us, we will go to the Federal Court. We have spent over \$6,000.00 to this date. Both pro say law suits from Frank and John have been paid for by the co-op. IF you want to follow the case of the co-op vs. the State of Nevada go to the State of Nevada Supreme case search 68448 or type in upper case BOSTA and this will bring the case up and you will be able to follow what is going on.

Pete Goicoechea's name was brought up along with NRS 533 conjunctive management as well as NRS 534 underground water. Our group has got to be ready to combat the BDRs that are coming up. John has tried bringing up a BDR at the last meeting he was at in Las Vegas but the Chairman wouldn't even hear it. A BDR is a Bill Draft Request. Goicoechea is the Chairman of Government Affairs. He needs to be replaced as our Senator.

Kenny Bent stated that we need to organize the 50,000 well owners in the State. 8 Democrats voted against SB65. If we can get a data sheet of people who own wells and contact people in the state using the APN numbers we may have a chance. Jeanine Hansen is running against Pete Goicoechea and we should support her as she feels the way we do regarding our private wells. Kenny spoke with Jeanine Hansen but as yet she has not gone out to raise any funds. However, she would like to teach us about more water issues.

There has been an issue that was brought up regarding a resolution to terminate all NRS statues. This happened on May 1, 1951. More research has to be done.

Andy Alberti made a motion and it was seconded that we need to update our by-laws. The people who volunteered for the committee are John Bosta, Wade Hinden, Andy Alberti, Dan Morrow and possibly Terri Nelson and Dwight Lilly. This committee will be an advisory committee only and the suggested changes will be put on the web site. Then these changes will have to be approved by the membership and Board. A date will have to be set to meet and begin the update. We need to be transparent and in Black & White!

Signs regarding the water co-op was discussed. Andy made a motion and it was seconded. There will be a maximum of \$500.00 spent and we will have signs placed around Pahrump regarding water. Frame works that can be put on properties. We need to have an 4 x 8 sign for Larry Blanchford and one for Stacy McGuire who live on 1241 Wilson. Signs should read like:

“Government Wants to Steal Your Water” or “Got Milk? NO! Got Water? NO!” or “Protect Your Water” or “Who’s Stealing Your Water?” but they all must have the following: “Join the Private Well Owners Co-Op” and the web site www.privatewelloowners.com. We need to bring everyone’s attention to the water issue. Dennis Hof has agreed to allow us to put signs on his properties in Crystal as well at the Alien. The signs will by 4 x 8 large and 2 x 2 small. We need to talk to everyone and bring their attention to water wells.

John requested that everyone go to the web site and download 5 applications and start handing them out.

There is a BDR going forward to disband the Water Board which was created in 2007. We find their main function was to try to import water into the valley.

We are going to try for a meeting on October 20, 2016 at the Moose Lodge but this has not been confirmed yet. That will be a meeting on every Thursday at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 am.

Written by Charlotte LeVar, Secretary
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