

## PRIVATE WELL OWNER CO-OP MINUTES DECEMBER. 15, 2016

There were 23 members and 23 visitors in attendance.

John Bosta opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 am with Wade Hinden beginning the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no bills to pay. The Co-op has \$9,690.56 in the bank account. The By-Laws committee has not met as yet so there is nothing to report. The Robbins and Blatchfords wish to have signs put on their properties. The signs will include the website. We need them on well traveled roads. Kenny & Wade will make sure where they are placed. There is a \$500.00 budget. Martin, Herman Lewis and Anthony Grecco want 4 x 8 signs. Ron on Leslie is also on the list. We need physical addresses.

T-shirt designs will be voted on at the next meeting. there will be several designs to choose from. All designs will include our website. John liked the circle sign but we need to look at the color combination. There is a total of 9 designs. Charlotte did not bring them but she will bring them to the next meeting.

Volunteers have come forth to count ballots next month. They are: Marti Schaoke, Terri Nelson and Robbya Gibbons. We also have two (2) names to be placed on the ballot to conclude the Election of Officers.

The Supreme Court gave us 11 days to answer paperwork that was sent to use. John contacted Ross who submitted a motion pro-say and we have an attorney Tom Gibson. We did not get Tom to give a response but Ross will take care of this today for a response. We have to file this by December 25th. Tom Gibson stated that he was no longer our attorney and the Supreme Court stated that the correct paperwork had not been given to the Supreme Court. They are trying to dismiss our law suit. The law suit and the paperwork will be on the web site to assure everyone knows what is transpiring. John will see Ross this evening. The Supreme Court wants to terminate this prior to the new legislature. It would gut a huge portion of the water law. A motion was made and seconded to use some of the funds to get another attorney to assure that the law suit is properly handled. It was approved. John made the statement that most of the co-op's money had been already doing that and what we need to do. John checks it every day to assure the law suit is being handled properly. Motion was made and passed.

But, we need to gear up and make sure emails get out, generic comment letters, etc. go to committee members in Carson City who are going to hear the BDRs (bills) on water. We need to take immediate action in Feb. to lobby against/for water bills. The committee meets from 9:30 am to noon. We need to get their attention. Therefore, we can write letters and have them read into the record. It would take the committee's time and hopefully they will see the difference. There are approximately 500 BDRs and we need to narrow it down to which ones pertain to water.

Monday, at the Water District meeting, they are putting all their plans in order. In 2004/2005, it was written to have a community water system and sewer system in place that would include the 3 utilities and they would work as one unit. All this is being orchestrated but it is behind the scenes. Kenny Bent knows it was stated in 2005.

On Jan 28th, Jeanine Hansen will hold classed on citizen's legislature at the Republican Headquarters at approximately 12:00 noon. There is a very short fuse on a bill being in committee. We need to have emails. Must bombard these guys. On Feb. 6th the legislation starts. Get on Jeanine Hansen's email list. Charlotte & Dan LeVar are members of the "Nevada Families for Freedom" which is Jeanine Hansen's newsletter and her website is: [www.nevadafamilies.org](http://www.nevadafamilies.org).

Ballots will be sent out after the next meeting. The ballots will be numbered and mailed with an envelope but you will be putting the stamp on when it is returned. The date will be put on it to assure when it should be returned. The committee will take care of opening and counting them at the February meeting. 3 people have signed up to open and count ballots.

We will continue to have a Board of five. There was a motion and a second to that effect.

Under new business the question came up of the possibility of having a fund raiser at the Moose Lodge. We would like to go forward with it but it is difficult this time of year.

Again, we are a non-profit cooperative but if you make a donation it cannot be taken off you income tax. Dennis Hof gave a \$500.00 donation and others have donated to us. But the majority has come from the membership due to the rules of the 501C-12. Hopefully Jeanine Hansen will assist us in Carson City. Silver Springs is going to have a "well owner's cooperative rally" that will be on the 6th. We may be able to assist. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am Charlotte LeVar, Secretary.