

Tooley Water District  
Monthly Board Meeting  
August 26th, 2015

Present:

Larry Russ  
Richard Pontow  
John Amery  
Debbie Jones  
Carl Carson

Excused:

Dave Pratt

1. Regular Board Meeting-

The meeting was called to Order at 7:02 p.m. by Carl Carson

2. The minutes of the July 23rd, 2015 meeting were read by Larry Russ. After the reading of the minutes there was a time for questions. A motion was made by Richard Pontow to Accept the minutes as read and seconded by Carl Carson.

3. Presentation of the Financial Statements was made by Larry Russ in Dave Pratt's

Absence: As of 8-26-2015 The Checking Account balance at Washington Federal

Was: \$14,670.28

The Savings Account balance was: \$15,495.51

Old Business:

A) Larry welcomed Debbie Jones as a New Board member replacing Marc Mouser.

B) Web site Update:

John Amery - the meeting agenda will be located on the site prior to meeting.

The meeting times and location. Water testing results on site. The Consumer

Confidence reports will be there. Also areas for helping in the District For

Volunteers on Site. Updates on What's Happening in the District. Also

Information on Fire Preparedness.

Debbie: asked if the Web-site would have automatic update notifications on it

For the Customers and Board Members who log on.

John said that Board Members will have an e-mail address on the site for

Communications. Ex: Carl Carson at Tooley Water.com.

C) Report on the meeting with Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue;

Dan Hammel met with Larry Russ at the 2 Wells and Reservoir. They will put

Them on Their Maps to Protect and Secure in the event of a fire in the District.

They will also name them as sources for water supply. Normally they would only

Protect Houses and Homes not out Buildings. The Local fire team would be put

Over the Fire Command Center until the Forestry Department or State Fire

Marshall takes over control. No Great Suggestions. They suggested that we have A Knox Box mounted on the Reservoir and Well buildings. Fire trucks have a Master to open to retrieve the key to the buildings. They were informed that a Fire Hose valve has been placed in the bottom housing of the Reservoir. There was a Motion made by Carl and Seconded by Debbie Jones that we purchase the Knox Box online; expense of \$250.

D) Report on Building Maintenance Evaluation:

1) Upper well needs some Scraping and Paint. 7 people have volunteered to Help. No date or time has been set at this time. Will be done within the Next 2 months.

Motion was made to make repairs with Volunteer Labor by Carl Carson And seconded by Debbie Jones. Board Approved.

E) Board Member discussion with Hiland Water on the dissolution of the Water Board- this would occur due to the lack of Volunteers to serve on the Board In the future. It is required that we maintain a 5 member Board. Larry stated That he will not run at the end of his term in 2016. That would leave 1 Vacancy -2. If Dave Pratt is unable to continue. At least 2 people would Have to qualify and Run for those positions. Unless those positions are Filled wouldn't have 5 members. Richard said he would serve as needed, Unless health prevents.

F) Removal of Brush from Reservoir / Carothers's location. Larry and Marc Mouser removed the Brush from the property, it was from a tree on the Reservoir property and Tony's son cut it up and stacked it. Marc took the Larger pieces to supply community heating and Larry hauled the rest to Disposal Unit.

G) Report on Letter to customers. Larry has received 6 and Carl 1.

#### 6. New Business:

A) Report on Discussion with Dave Griffith- a water operator from Goldendale Does water services for: Murdock, Dallesport, & Goldendale. He also has The skills to apply for and secure Grants for funding for Water Districts, Rather than Associations

B) Update on Dave Pratt - Board Member. Dave is still at OHSU, out of ICU And in a private room. He had surgery to repair the lower leg for prosthesis Last Monday and there is talk to move him to The Dalles for recuperative Care by next week.

C) Recommendation by the Fire Department to purchase the Knox Box from The web site: [www: Knox box.com/store/Knox-Box-1650- Residential -Series,cfm#](http://www.knoxbox.com/store/Knox-Box-1650-Residential-Series.cfm#) . Motion made by Carl and 2nd by Debbie Jones to Purchase Unit approved by Board.

D) There was a slight discussion inclusion of the FEMA -Wildfire Preparedness Link on the Tooley website: copy enclosed.

- E) Discuss the Wheeler Communication letter. The owner is retiring and Wheeler's is being taken over by Day Wireless Systems- 503-228-9292. Wheeler's manages the wireless that system that covers the wells and the Reservoir.
- F) Meeting with the Wasco County Commissioner on the possible dissolution Of the board. The initial meeting with a single Commissioner will take place With Larry and John Amery will try to meet with the Commissioner the 1st week in September. They will report on their meeting in the September Meeting.  
Hiland said that they are willing to take over the entire water operation. They would hire someone to do the tasks that the Board Members are Currently doing. Hiland would hire a Board Member to do them with The funds that the Members are being compensated with.

Dave Griffith would charge the district for the services that he would provide just as Hiland does. Larry will try to set up a meeting with him And get some numbers. He would be closer that Hiland is currently. We Will keep members updated with information.

- G) Larry will be setting up a meeting with the Wasco County Water master At 3:00 p.m. Friday the 4th of September to measure the standing water Levels at both well considering the dry conditions. The lower well was 14 feet and the Upper Well was 90 feet 2 years ago.
- H) Larry asked permission to set up a free meeting for OSHA inspection. Motion was made by Carl and seconded by Richard.
- I) Larry Russ announced his intention to not continue on the Board after his Term ends June 2016.

#### 7. Board Member Comments.

Checks were written to: Courtney Insurance, Hiland Water and to Larry Russ for reimbursement for brush run to dump. Signed by Larry and Carl.

- 8. Adjournment: Motion made by Carl to Adjourn and 2nd by Richard. At 9:00 p.m.