

April 6th,2022
Meeting started @ 6:08

In attendance were Lee Nelson, Rob Miller, Kelsey Reher, Joe Gaffney, Bill Welfelt, Tim Barrientos, and Bob Denman. Tina Suppes was not in attendance.

Election of Board Members for upcoming year

A President, Secretary, and Treasurer are needed to stay compliant. Bill suggested we stay in our positions and Joe wanted to put on record when these new terms start because they were not recorded before. In order to stay true to the original covenants, the terms need to be staggered.

1 year term Rob as Treasurer

1 year term Bill as member at large

2 year term Joe as President

2 year term Kelsey as Secretary

3 year term Tina as board member at large

Joe motioned and Bill second nominations.

Incorporating ditch meeting

Joe and Bill went to the meeting Tuesday night to find out what this corporation was all about. The overall consensus is this:

- Very unclear about who would be members
- The organizer did not have record of the water deeds for each member at the meeting
- Unsure of timelines for getting everyone information
- The chart presented was broken up into each member having a vote based on shares. Woodland Pond and Bill Jefferies will count as one vote.

Joe told them we wouldn't agree to bylaws presented without doing more digging because there were a lot of unknowns:

- Would Matt Miles control the ditch? (He has majority shares)
- What are we even voting on?
- How can we vote on bylaws when we can't accurately decide who are members?

Positives to joining corporation

- We would be sharing ditch, but not losing water rights
- We would share responsibility for ditch maintenance
- Matt Miles has already piped ditch and done a lot of leg work to make water is more efficient

Negatives for joining corporation

- Would we share the load for future expenses and it might possibly be a graduated fee scheduling?
- What happens if you are out of compliance? Could we lose voting capabilities?
- If we say yes, could they bill us later?

The discussion continued to decide if we needed a water attorney to help educate us on making the decision. If we could argue that we don't want to be a part of this, maybe they can start the ditch corporation after our headgate? If we hire someone to look into our rights, maybe we will have more options? We definitely don't want to lose our priority one shares. Options for attorneys include Martha Whitmore (Joe's boss and resume that includes US Dept of Interior) or David Skarka out of Delta (we have used this attorney before and the water commissioner recommended them). How much do we want to spend?

Thoughts:

Tim- thinks we need to put in a weir at the top of our ponds

Joe-wants to do some research that might save us money

Bill- suggested to start with 1,000 budget

Kelsey- suggested 2,000 budget and Joe thought that was reasonable (Rob and Bill agreed)

Joe motioned to get an attorney and Bill second that.

Joe would look into rates and ask these questions:

- What is the process supposed to look like as far as a timeline goes? Do they have to give us notice?
- Do we need to join? If we join later what is that process?
- What are our rights?
- Clarification on shareholder ownership?
- What are we going to be held liable for with maintenance?
- Can we keep our shares?

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm