

# Buena Vista Water Advisory Board

Minutes of January 21, 2021

Zoom Format

755 Gregg Dr.

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hamilton at 6:00 p.m. on a Zoom format

## **Attendance and Introductions**

In attendance were: Harley Hamilton, Dr. Jerome Steinaur, Roy Gertson, Kelly Collins, Reed Dils, Andrew Rice, Shawn Williams, Al Smith, Phillip Puckett, Cindie Swisher (BV Town Council member) & Joel Benson. Guest Tony LaGreca

**Agenda Adoption** Motion by Reed and 2nd by Kelly to approve agenda. Motion carried by vote

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from July 11, 2019 motion by Kelly, 2nd by Reed to approve the minutes. Vote by members approved.

## **Public Comment**

Chairman Hamilton called for public comments. No public comment.

## **Business Items**

A. **Public Works Staff report;** Shawn reviewed his comprehensive report dated January 21, 2021. Obligated water services were discussed, showing 1267 remaining obligated water services with the various approved subdivisions. Joel mentioned that we need a new term other than “obligated water services” that would pertain to subdivisions & infill development. Now, we do not have a written legal commitment to supply water service. Subdivisions are not guaranteed water services until they are approved. Cindy ask about Crossmans addition with no development for years, are we obligated to supply water?

Shawn provided a detailed map of the Town’s developments. Joel reviewed the areas.

Andrew asked about the differences of consumption and leak un-accountable volumes, from Shawn’s chart on monthly production & unaccountable water volumes. The Chart does show rational for high unaccountable water associate with leaks and aging infrastructure. Yearly average was 21% of total volume produced.

Further discussion of high un-accountable water & leaks at the Ivy League Subdivision of 48.8 %.. Shawn discussed leak problems and ongoing leak detection & assistance from Public Works. Jerry asked about this assistance & possible unmetered services. Jerry also related to the question of obligated water service, and a resolve.

Roy asked about the Growth Trend chart using a high volume of SFE of 721 g/d compared to the average SFE of 293 god. The 721 g/d is the peak 7 day average, and this volume is a design factor to be capable of providing at peak flows. Roy mentioned conservation measures would be helpful in lowering the SFE g/d average.

Harley asked about the status of well #4. Shawn stated the well design and site feasibility are complete, but not constructed.

Reed asked if the Town is still buying SEWCD Frying Pan Project water? Shawn said yes with UAWCD managing our portfolio on well # 3. Well # 3 was strictly used for irrigation last year at 30 acre/ft of consumption. The well can also be pumped for potable demand at another 30 acre/ft if needed.

Kelly asked about the Water Resource Plan update. Shawn wants to revise our current growth trend, provide for an accurate water model, and a rate analysis. The Water Advisory Board will have input for the update.

#### **B. 2021 Water Advisory Board members**

Harley, Roy, Reed & Jerry terms have expired, but all want to continue as Board Members. Kelly moved that the four members should be reappointed by the Town Council. Andrew 2nd motion. Motion passed

Tony La Greca introduced himself and desired to serve on the Water Advisory Board. Motion by Harley and 2nd by Reed to recommend to Town Council for his appointment. Motion approved by members vote.

#### **C. 2021 WAB Action Plan**

The Town has produced a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Shawn has communicated with several firms capable of providing engineering services for the upcoming Water Treatment Expansion Project. Proposals due February 16, 2021 and a selection by March 9th. Water Board to help review qualifications of the applicants and have 3 firms for the formal ranking score decision matrix.

Phil implied that the Water Board input was very important to the process and Town Council

Kelly was impressed with the very professional format of the RFQ. She also asked about references. Board agreed to include for review if needed for close matrix scores.

Shawn to coordinate the review process and e-mail out RFQ proposals to Board members, Al & Andrew will prepare the ranking score matrix.

#### **D. Board/staff interaction**

Joel said the Town is looking at water right potentials on Cottonwood Crk & Arkansas River with some creative uses. Asked Board members for any suggestions of water right procurements

Joel is also working on water dedication fees charged to developers.

Reed asked about a trade of water rights of the Leesmaugh water right with Selbys portion of the Leesmaugh. Joel said Selby will have transfer to the Town if he develops property associated with the Leesmaugh right.

Reed also asked about a mural painting on the 750,000 gal tank along CR 306 & Cr 361. Chaffee County Arts may be interested.

**Next meeting: February 25, 2021 , 6:00 pm Zoom**

Seeing that there was no further business, Chairman Hamilton called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion #2** by Kelly , second by Jerry to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson , Board member