

On Saturday September 21 Brian Nix, Kevin Cammall and Kerry Lozito met via phone to discuss the future of the Alpine Water Company. The yearly shareholders meeting on August 31 resulted in the resignation of Tony Phillips and Phil Moores; Ronnie Barak had already resigned. That left us with only one board member, Brian Nix. According to our by-laws we need a quorum at a live meeting to elect a Board, so Brian appointed Kevin Cammall as president and Kerry Lozito as interim secretary until our 2025 shareholders meeting. This is nothing new, board members have been appointed in the past. Brian will remain in the capacity of vice president.

We discussed the following:

By-laws: We need to update our 46-year-old bylaws. Brian has talked to Dave Tanksley who can provide an updated version from another water company. Dave suggested keeping them general, and adopting policies for things like how the shareholders meeting will be conducted in the future. Kevin described how his corporation has a time limit for bringing up issues and keeping meetings orderly.

Water Company Management: Prior to the shareholders meeting the Board obtained an engineers report from Tim Rudolph. The plan was to hire an operator who would then implement the plan. They had already hired a bookkeeper (Denise Yavas) to manage the books and handle other administrative jobs. The Board would then be more of an oversight committee, approving work, monitoring spending, and representing shareholders. Brian has said the yearly salary for an operator might be several thousand dollars, and he has identified potential people to operate our system.

Modernization: Kevin said we need to look ahead to modernizing our system, and was happy with the progress the previous Board had made. He also said the new website is a huge asset. Despite our aging asbestos pipes, no asbestos has been found in the Alpine Co. water. Kevin mentioned his company has experience coating the interior of existing pipes with epoxy; other modernization alternatives exist, and Kevin agreed to contact Tim Rudolph.

Pump 2: Pump 2 has been repaired but Tony Phillips told us that the control system has problems and he's been in communication with Les Forbis about a repair. Kevin will contact Tony for the details.

Board of Directors: We decided to leave the Board at three people for now; Kerry suggested we groom Ronnie Barak for secretary for next year. Tony Phillips and Brian are providing details on how to bring Kevin and Kerry on board, and we are scheduled to meet on October 6 and walk the system. The new Board is eager to help the Alpine Water Company comply with the law and continue to provide safe water for everyone.

We encourage shareholders to visit the new website, and if you were unable to attend the August 31 meeting, please look at the meeting minutes and PowerPoint presentation. We thank Katharine Allen, Ronnie Barak, Brian Nix, Phil Moores, and Tony Phillips for advancing us in the direction of being professional and up-to-date. aspendellwater.com

