Alpine Water Company

Yearly Meeting

Minutes from July 17, 2021

1. Meeting began at 9:40 am. In attendance were: Jerry and Barb Billings, Bill and Margaret Wagner, Brad Doskocil, Dave and Lori Carroll, Katharin Allen, Tony Phillips, Ellen Evans and Bill Stever. Cindy at Shallcross and Associates had indicated we had a quorum so the meeting proceeded without Andrea Shallcross.
2. The documents mailed in 2020 were approved as substitute for the minutes since no physical meeting occurred due to the pandemic.
3. The election of AWC Board of Directors were assumed to be approved. Will verify with Andrea the results from the proxies.
4. Last year’s expenditures were unusually high because of the new liner for the water storage tank. The original liner was from the 1970’s and had failed. The cost was $61,000, pump replacement $3,965 and pump repairs $220. Expenses appear to be increasing at a faster rate than income.
5. Current water testing occurred quarterly and had no problems.
6. Alpine Water Company is regulated under California State jurisdiction and operated under a permit issued by the Inyo County Environmental Health. We are considered a “State Small Water System” based upon the number of permanent residents. Some of the regulations are grandfathered since our water company operated prior to November 1991. If there is a significant increase in permanent residents we would be regulated as a public water system with an annual EAR, new regulations, monthly more extensive water testing and reporting. The County will advise as needed.
7. Power outages were discussed in relationship to our pumps and the amount of time the pumps would be inactive. It was agreed upon to investigate modifying the well pump controls to accommodate a portable generator.
8. Hiring a hydrologist was discussed to determine the long term viability of the existing aquifer and the possible need to drill a new well in another location. Research into this is ongoing.
9. The current yearly assessments do not meet the need to replenish the $65+ thousands of dollars of expenses last year. Various increases in assessments were discussed and the amount of yearly water assessments agreed upon was to increase an unimproved lot to a new amount of $400 a year and improved lots to $500 a year. It was brought out in the discussion that unimproved lots need water available to maintain their value.
10. The next meeting date was discussed and various options brought up. An in-person meeting could be Saturday July 2. Some suggested a zoom meeting. No decision was reached.
11. Adjourned.