

VISTA REDONDA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION (VRMDWCA)
Minutes – Monday, October 9, 2023 Board Meeting

October 13, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** Audrey LaFehr called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm Mountain Time at the LaFehr/Marquart residence and on Zoom.
2. **Certification of Quorum:** Betsy Garside certified that a quorum was met, with 8 of 8 voting board members present in the room or on Zoom.
3. **Board Members Present:** Audrey LaFehr, President; Wendy Pierard, Vice President; Laurent Cavalie, Treasurer; Betsy Garside, Secretary. Directors: Steve Marquart, Harvey Simon, Susan Rule, Chris van Schayk. Adjunct Director: Susan Waller.
4. **Community Members Present:** Steve Richmond, Mary Costello, Bo Sanford, Valerie Arnett.
5. **Also Present:** Dennis Trujillo and Dennise Russ, III-D.
6. **Approval of Minutes of the June 12, 2023 Meeting:** H. Simon made a motion to approve; S. Marquart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Report of Financial Position:** L. Cavalie reported that we are really just at the beginning of the fiscal year, so have only two months of spending to report. September will be reported at the next meeting. He was happy to report that all members have submitted their fees so the Association has collected every capital assessment; there are no accounts receivable. The costs for completing sanitary-survey work will be reflected in the next budget report. The Association has \$360K in capital reserves; L. Cavalie suggested that the Association might want to invest about \$150K of that in another certificate of deposit for six months or a year. After discussion of the unknown costs and timeline for installing new smart meters, the board decided to revisit the investment idea at its next meeting.
8. **Resolution and Approval of First-Quarter Budgets for the Fiscal Year:** C. van Schayk made a motion to approve the budgets; H. Simon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **Update on Acre-Feet Transfer:** A. LaFehr reported that after a year of work, the Association got approval from the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) to reassign three acre-feet of water per year from 111 Paseo Encantado SW to Well 3a. All applauded the successful effort.
10. **Update on Sanitary Survey Projects:** D. Trujillo reported that III-D has completed the projects, and the results have improved the Association's water infrastructure. The board expressed its appreciation.
11. **Status of Wells:** A. LaFehr reported that wells 2 and 4 are still awaiting repairs, while all other wells are functioning.

- 12. Overview of Smart Meter Project:** The Association has 25 smart meters in hand; the rest are on backorder. One new meter has been installed because an old meter failed. D. Trujillo expects to be able to install the rest of the 25 in the month of October, starting with meters where he knows the risers inside the boxes are good.
- 13. Venue for Annual Meeting:** A. LaFehr pointed to the successful summer 2023 gathering, and suggested that it was not too soon to start moving forward on planning for a joint (VRMDWCA and VRPOA) meeting and party at the Four Seasons from 4-7 p.m, July 15, 2024. S. Rule was amenable on behalf of the VRPOA. The suggestion was made to ask Randall Limbacher, who was so instrumental in planning the 2023 event, if he would be willing to help for a 2024 event.
- 14. Any New Business:** A. LaFehr brought up with need to revamp the community's website, which serves both the VRPOA and VRMDWCA. S. Rule reported that she had positive responses from the designer of the current site, indicating that that firm could make the site usable on mobile devices. She also pointed out that most of the site is information driven: The VRMDWCA is required to post its information, and the VRPOA has information for those looking at houses in the community. The board expressed interest in protecting board-members' personal information on the site. B. Garside agreed to keep the ball rolling by meeting with the current web developer to gather more details.
- 15. Motion to adjourn:** C. van Schayk made the motion to adjourn, W. Pierard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

The board went into executive session regarding a water overage due to a leak. The board clarified that leak-forgiveness forms need to go to both the administrative email for the Association (vistaredonda505@gmail.com) and to the president of the water association.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Garside
Secretary