

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020
ELECTRONIC MEETING

Regular Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Hughes – Chair, Brent Tippets – Co-Chair, David Bradford – Secretary/Clerk

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Jeremy Cook—Legal Counsel

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. Consent Approval - Minutes for April 9, 2020

MOTION: Brent Tippets made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2020 Trustee Meeting as written. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. Financial Considerations & Report

Mr. Hawkes gave a summary of the monthly financial considerations and reports.

3. Updated GRAMA Policy

The Board members approved the updated GRAMA policy.

MOTION: Chair Hughes made a motion to adopt the new GRAMA policy. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Planned Outreach Activities & Development of a Septic Maintenance Program – Sustainability Alliance – Willy Stokman and Mindy McAnulty

The Sustainability Alliance would like to work with the District on implementing a septic maintenance program. It could include offering to EID members a group rate on septic system pumping. The District could help get a reduced rate when several residents sign up for it. Willy Stokman also suggested a program for residents to sign up for notifications and the Board would send reminders when it was time to pump their system. Chair Hughes asked Ms. Stokman if the Sustainability Alliance would put together a mailing asking people to sign up those services. Mr. Tippetts urged caution as a political entity promoting one certain business; he suggested offering a broader list of companies willing to offer discounted group rates. Ms. Stokman agreed and said they would make a proposal and talk about it at the next meeting. The conversation shifted to ordinances that the Metro Township is planning to pass regarding septic maintenance. Mayor Smolka said the Township is planning to pass an ordinance that requires an inspection of the septic system at the time of a home sale. Discussion ensued on how to enforce that and what recourse there would be if people did not comply. The consensus was that even if 100% of people did not comply, it would still be a vast improvement.

5. Water Levels Report

Mr. Barnett reported on the water levels. The stream flow forecast has fallen to 61% of normal due to the lack of precipitation in May. Water usage was up. Per-connection usage was in line, but total water usage was high. April had several leaks.

6. Maintenance Report

Mr. Hawkes reviewed a busy month of repairs. There was a repair to a damaged fiber optic line at Upper Freeze Creek. There were two leaks on Freeze Creek Circle that were repaired. The District fixed the drainage on Pioneer Ridge Rd. They did some road and ditch work on the Upper Freeze Creek Well road. They also have a repair scheduled on Donner Hill. Mr. Hawkes said he will switch over the drain field for the cluster system near Well #2. The Board discussed the need to do the radio read meters soon. The approximate cost is \$95,000, but there will be savings in how much water is written off for leak credits, not to mention saving the loss of water (which the District would like to avoid at all cost). Mr. Hawkes has reached out to two other companies for proposals and is waiting for them to get those proposals to him. There was a brief conversation on what kind of meter would be best. Because the Board would like to limit and catch leaks as quickly as possible, they are anxious to move on this quickly. They will put it on the agenda for next month when the other proposals are in.

7. Any Items for Discussion from Board and/or from Visiting Public, Dismiss Public

Willy Stokman asked if they had decided on funding for the groundwater study. The Board responded that they would like to fund it, but they have funding priorities to take care of first. She also asked if the new telemetry system is in place yet. The Board replied that they have not but that it is one of the projects (along with radio-read meters) that the District needs to fund before they can fund the groundwater study.

8. Closed Session – Pending Litigation

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:03 p.m. to 8:29 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Jeremy Cook.

MOTION: Board Member Bradford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes Approved