

PORA OPEN MEETING

6/17/24

Ralph Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 & introduced the Board of Directors who were present. Bob Senelly & Rosemary Dougherty were absent. Board Directors present then gave brief reviews of events they cover.

Bud, Govt Relations: Government relations committee chair Bud Meador is on vacation.

Kate, Transit:

Transit Chairperson Kate King is recuperating from surgery.

Dave, Water:

Chairman Dave Hunter welcomed all. Reviewed Committee members and their associations.

Mentioned chairman's interview at KSCW radio. Some background information about his interest in water issues.

Reviewed a presentation at the Surprise library "Arizona Water Policy." Also referenced the summer water seminars listed on the meeting agenda.

Discussed the weekly blog from AMWUA.org (Arizona Municipal Water Users Association). Good conservation information and a link to current water legislation.

Reminded the audience of the committee's focus on educating the community on water conservation issues.

EPCOR noted that SCW water and wastewater systems are in good condition.

Monitoring operations to ensure ageing equipment is quickly repaired when issues happen. Had discussion related to water disposal into storm drains.

Recreation Center golf courses water usage is slightly over the allotments. This is to be expected owing to the lack of rain and excessive heat. Continuing with plans for major irrigation and turf removal project at Echo Mesa golf course. Plans are available to the public at the EM pro shop and Rec Center web-site. A long range plan is being prepared for all golf courses maintenance and water requirements. Have added mosquito fish to all lakes to reduce mosquito population.

OHOA is promoting faster irrigation leak detection and repairs. Many systems are over 40 years old and leaks are becoming more frequent. Good discussion here.

The chairman noted that WIFA (Water infrastructure Financing Authority) receives funds from the state and distributes them to worthwhile water enhancing, maintenance and augmentation projects. Disappointing is the fact that the legislature has withheld \$333 million this year in order to balance the budget. In the chairman's opinion, this is a dangerous precedent for our water future.

Darwin, Visitors Ctr: Made brief remarks regarding traffic in the visitors center.

The June 30, 2023 tax return form 990 is available for review.

Ralph: discussed major historic topics of accomplishment from the brochure and stated the 41 major event represent the greatest accomplishments of PORA in its 44 year history. The meeting was adjourned.