

Creekside Sanitary District  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:30PM  
at the LaQuinta on Hwy 69

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. In attendance were x members, including 3 Board members (attendance sheet attached).

**2. Role Call**

Board members Chairman Dave Edens, Nina Buffington and Lennart Kullberg were in attendance.

**3. Resignation of Lennart Kullberg.**

The resignation of Lennart Kullberg was announced to be effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**4. Introduction and re-election of Nina Buffington, our new board member.** Nina Buffington was introduced.

**5. Call for Board Member Volunteers.**

A call was made for volunteers for both the sewer board and the architectural committee. No volunteers “stepped forward” at the meeting but can call Dave if they decide to volunteer later.

**6. Status of Equipment**

The system is now 30 years old. FANN continues to do an excellent job of monitoring and maintaining the equipment. We have 2 pumps and a few miscellaneous parts in reserve. We had 18 service calls this year and replaced two pumps. We will be reporting Maintenance and Repairs as separate line items on the financials going forward for greater transparency.

## **7. Financial Review – Current**

The current financial reports were provided. The adequacy of the reserve account was discussed but there was no consensus. Nina Buffington suggested we get a risk assessment done to help make this determination.

## **8. Proposal of Rate Increases**

Most in attendance balked at the proposed 28% increase in the quarterly sewer service fee for homeowners. Therefore, the board, with a vote of 2 to 1, elected to decrease the proposed increase amount to from \$160 to \$145. The increase to \$50 from \$40 for lot owners and to \$5,000 for initial hookup will stand.

## **9. Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Proposal**

The budget will have to be revised to reflect the lower proposed rate increase. It was pointed out that the budgeted repairs and maintenance account when combined with the separate line item for the purchase of two new pumps seemed overstated. That will be reviewed when revising the budget.

Several owners inquired about the interest income that the county is paying on our reserve and wondered if it could be invested elsewhere for a higher return. The board doesn't think this is possible and really doesn't want to take on the responsibility of investing these funds. However, they will check with the county to determine if it is possible, for one, and find out how much interest is being paid, for another.

## **10. Open Discussion**

One owner asked if the Creekside sign at the Old Black Canyon entrance could be repainted because of the unsightly black marks. It was determined that this wouldn't be too expensive so could be done. Most thought the Creekside sign at the top of the property is OK.

Nina Buffington brought up the potential hazard of the invasive Trees-of-Heaven to the sewer system. It was determined that this is an issue that warrants further investigation. The board will get a professional quote or two to determine the cost of this undertaking. In the meantime, the board will put together a flyer informing

owners of the invasiveness of these trees that will be sent to all owners in the near future. Once the quotes are available, another meeting will be held.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.