

MEETING MINUTES

2021 Annual Meeting

February 1, 2021

7:00 pm

Syringa Hall

ATTENDEES:

Board members: Roy Moses(95) -- President, Eric Fuller -- Vice President, Tom Carlsen, Anjie Waldner taking ~~notes~~ *minutes*. Rick Link -- ditch rider.

Shareholders: Joyce Arthur & Rick Link(75), Ralph Barker(5), Art Beal(4), Levi and Lane Russell for Don Betzold(32), Kahn Borge 9950 Darnell Ln (5), Leann Carlsen(111.5), Mario Cefalu(13), Teresa Dalrymple(4), Marshall & Melanie Davis(2), Greg Drake(75), Paul Drake(30), David Furst(4), Dave Gorley(5), Bill Hale(28), Mel & Georgia Hale(27), Bruce Hamilton(5), Cyndi Hall(5), Mary Johns(10), Maryann Kirkpatrick(13), Thomas & Tracy Monticelli(5), Bryan Moses(2), Blake Probst(5), Richard Rex(2), Steve Wilfong(6.5)

Proxies: Anjie Waldner and Eric Fuller (Nancy Waldner 120)

Visitors: Andy Walldera, Levi and Lane Russell for Don Betzold

Meeting was called to order by Roy Moses. The pledge of allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was taken.

Anjie Waldner read the minutes from the 2020 annual meeting. Sarah Thomas/ Albert and Marshall Davis have never received certificates of shares. Annie Kirkpatrick stated that her headgate was taken out a few years back while the ditch was being cleaned. She would like it to be replaced. It was stated by the company that if the headgate(s) was not taken care of the ditch company has the authority to remove it(them). It is up to the owner to replace under the supervision of the ditch company. The ditch company's Lawyer, Andy Walldera, stated that it is not up to the ditch company to replace broken or not taken care of headgates. Bruce Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Drake seconded. A vote was taken. The motion passed.

Rick Link gave the Ditch rider's report for the year. Moss was really bad again but it was taken care of. There was a slide this past fall that has been partially repaired to provide livestock water. It is too muddy at the present time to finish repairing that area. Art Beal reported that he had a problem with moss this year.

Tom Carlsen gave the secretaries report for Jenny Furst since she was not able to be present for the meeting.

Tom Carlsen gave the treasurer's report for 2020 and read off the 2020 financial report. A loan was taken out for the company and guaranteed by Roy Moses for \$15,000.

Sarah Thomas asked how to clean out the waste water culvert that runs under the road. Rick Link suggested to notify the county road department.

Tom Carlsen continued on with explaining the 2020 expenses review. It explains what was proposed for 2020 and what was actual. It also states what's proposed for 2021.

Roy Moses gave the President's report:

Article 1 paragraph 2 of Squaw Creek Ditch company By-laws state: "The company's primary purpose is to deliver irrigation water via the Squaw Creek Ditch to the headgates of its stockholders located in the Company's service area."

Over the last decade we have struggled to do that.

Our assessment base is small, only 1327 shares, but our canal has some big challenges. With a very small budget we have been trying to fix up some of our biggest challenges.

Examples:

- The diversion dam. We have finished two phases and only have the top phase left.
- Several bridges need repairs, one of which a dump truck fell through this past year because the boards are rotten. Thankfully no one was hurt.
- 9 flood gates: one is rusted. Another sits on a steep cliff with a rotten wood bridge across it that needs replaced and upgraded. Several of them leak and need repair.
- Close to 2 miles of canal that runs nest to Squaw Creek (often referred to as "the canyon") and continually gets under-cut by the creek in various spots. With steep rocky mountain on the other side that continually slides. A few years ago, one slide cost us \$11,000 just to dig out. Because we lacked sufficient funds we were unable to shore up the sides.
- There is also a good sized wooden flume over Coon creek that is approximately 300 ft long and 40 ft tall that requires constant maintenance.
- We have close to 7 miles of canal to maintain. Because of low budgets the company has dug the bottom out of the canal instead of acquiring dirt from the other side to build up and patch the bank side. Our canal is now a series of ponds, creating a good environment for obstructive moss and water loss.

Sandbag project (a critical part of the Canyon project):

Because we had some cost share money available from area 65 we took on the sandbag project. This has been an area of concern for a long time. It was made substantially worse in the flood of 96-97 New Year's Eve; it was over 60 degrees at midnight and the flood waters undercut the canal. What was left of the canal was a rock shelf 10' wide and about 60' up the cliff from Squaw Creek. The bank of the canal was mostly gone and we filled sand bags and laid them in sideways and put plastic over them to make a bank. The company has had NRCS and several different agencies and contractors look at the area and give us bids, etc. in the last 25 years. We have never been able to afford to fix it.

This year we have moved the wall in about 40' and it feels so good to be that far away from disaster after all these years of concern. Although we went slightly over our \$50,000 budget and