

Oak Forest Water Supply Corporation
Annual Meeting 3740 Ranch Road 967
March 8, 2011
7th Annual Meeting

Draft Minutes
Approved by OFWSC Board Members

Present Board of Directors – Richard Bailey, Bob Davis, Nancy Ellsworth, Russell Taylor, Holly Trotter, Phil Suitt and Perry Watson

1. Called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM by Presiding Director, Phil Suitt
2. Credentials Committee Chairperson reports a Quorum is established consisting of members present in person - **Russell Taylor declared that a quorum was present.**

Speakers: Dr. Brian Smith, Joe Vickers, and Patrick King. Question and Answer Section commenced:

1. **Dr Brian Smith, BSEACD** – shared the decision process from a year ago; we looked at the Trinity aquifer and ecological considerations, how many wells will run dry – analysis, data review and an average of 20% in this area go dry at the Edwards level – needed to go to the Trinity. Trinity has little data available at this time, a good amount of water, but not clear on the quality...2 years ago there were only 30 wells at the Trinity level – all at an “average” level of quality - average for sulfates, solids there would likely be a need for treatment for the highest quality water. And every Trinity well brings new data.
2. **Joe Vickers, expert hydrologist** – discussed the beginning activities when the water levels were first diminishing – there were various alternatives to finding a source other than the well that had originally been placed in this subdivision. This well was our best option, but today we don’t see consistency in the water quality. Extensive water testing has been performed, and we can’t get it to a “high” quality level. There were numerous options considered; chemical, blending, etc. Had to cut our testing short, because water was flooding neighbors’ yards. Over time, we didn’t seem to have the funding for all the things that needed to be done, to stop issues.
3. **Patrick King, PGMS General Manager – Operators System:** Managing the field work/processes, and reporting on what’s transpired; when we first cranked it up, it looked like high quality water – after 1-2 weeks complaints started – watched closer at the well head, took daily tests at the tank. Seemed to be a moving target, some days pristine, some days like lemonade. But, based on the adage “The more you work a well, the better the quality gets”, we added more flush valves, and flushed 16 hours a day, without improvement – this last week, we moved back to purchasing water from Elliott Ranch or Hays City – Question; do we expect the well to improve? That’s what we’re working on, and counting on. There are treatments that can be purchased to increase the quality of the water, as discussed earlier.

QUESTIONS:

Nelson to Joe: Flushing the well in the beginning of this venture, Rutherford gave permission to run off on his ranch. Would this work today? Joe: we are flushing now - at 60 gallons a minute with 30 pounds of pressure – was at 70 gpm, but caused the water to become aerated – believe the pump may need to be dropped down lower.

Clover to Joe: Regarding water quality – what has been found with the bacterial tests? We’ve seen a slight improvement in solids – we know we’re dealing with average water. The numbers have come down from 1200 to 1050. Sulfates are also down 10% from starting numbers. Analysis from Kansas lab is that we’re moving in the right direction with shocking and flushing. We have only preliminary numbers at this point: water is not harmful, but a nuisance. Counts are low, but possibly a growing count of solids. Joe offered to review with Clover.

Pat to general panel: The Ground Storage Tank has been taken out of service. Yes

David G to board: what is the Water Board’s goal? Phil responds to work with professionals/experts in the field – to find out what can be done.

Nelson to board: Asked about above ground treatments – Will the \$300K loan be increased, to handle these treatments? Phil replied that it depends on the customers’ ability to pay more each month than the already established tariff.

Also, what is the color of the residue in the GST (tank)? It’s like lemonade, a whitish yellow, which is now being cleaned out.

Clover to board: What's the situation with the polyphosphates? We added the dosage, but currently none in the water now that we are getting Elliot Ranch water.

Also, what's a viable treatment for iron content that's high – may require some other treatment – but it doesn't show up in water as silt, it stays in suspension. Phil asked, what is standard for iron in well water? Brian replied it depends on ALL things found in that water, there's not a "standard" number.

Rick to board: How unusual is it for a well to be so variable? Joe replied that analyst says this is fairly indicative of new wells that are of average water quality. Personal experience shows not many in the district, but by in large they have been less than a 1.0 right now we're way above that number.....

Kay Gibbons to Phil: Questioned if the well isn't fully developed, why would you make decision to use the well? Our board's explanation is that water was recorded as acceptable for subdivision use, and we needed to begin the process of using and flushing the new well. Minimum standards are not good enough for some of the residents in the subdivision – communication will increase and research will be done, patience will be required of all "Well Owners". Elliot Ranch does not want to continue to supply OFWSC water. They will not sign a contract, so we are quickly looking into what treatments are available; reverse osmosis, polyphosphates, etc.

Nelson asks; What are the costs? Uncertain as of yet, but will let all know. Mr Bowman asks about the annual dues of \$180.00 per household – can't this be applied to the costs? Nelson replied the POA not able to contribute, after giving \$50K toward the well already.

David to board: doesn't want the board to just toss out the Elliott option. Would ask that a short term and long term plan be put in place – and if elected he will focus on better communication to the well owners, all of us.

Nancy to panel; How much longer does the board anticipate this going on? Patrick replied that we are developing a course of action right now. Will we always need to blend, or can we run solely on the new well? Pat believes we can be independent and run our well with good water....but he doesn't know when. He reiterated that there are few commercial wells at the Trinity level, in this area. Ruby Ranch had similar situations when digging their well, to same aquifer. All are searching for the most cost effective options

Margaret to panel: There is a lot of water standing near the plant, are we flushing there as well? Yes.

Annual Meeting Regular Business

3. Reading and Approval of the previous Annual Meeting Minutes – Holly Trotter read the previous year's minutes. Presiding Director, Phil Suitt asked for a motion for approval. Bob Davis motioned approval of minutes, Emily Pruitt seconded.
 4. Update Reports
 - Financial Report - Russell gave the financial report and also gave a report on money spent on the new well. Richard motioned approval of financial report, Clover seconded
 - Presidents Report - This report was to be historical in nature, but was no longer necessary.
 5. Due to the Open Records Act, no Nominations for Board of Directors can be taken at this meeting. – Ask if Nominees will accept position? Ask if any of the Nominees would like to speak. Limit to 2 minutes.
 6. Presiding Director calls for remaining ballots to be cast – Nominees for 1st position are Holly Trotter with write-in Dave Cowan. For 2nd position Nancy Ellsworth unopposed and for third position are Richard Bailey and write-in candidate, Clover Clamons. Presiding Director directed that the Credentials Committee adjourn to tally ballots. Tellers committee was announced as Shirley, Margaret and Lillie
 7. Election Results
 - Election results are announced by Tellers Committee- Margaret Williams, Shirley Gravett and Lillie Suitt – Nancy, Richard and Dave go forward as the new members of the OFWSC Board.
 - Entertain protest of the election, if any - none noted
- Re-count ballots if necessary and announce results – not necessary. Winner for Position 1) Dave Cowan, Position 2) Nancy Ellsworth, and Position 3) Richard Bailey.
9. Adjournment of Meeting at 8:52 pm. Next annual meeting will be held March 13, 2012. All monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, all residents invited.