

## **Notes from Water Project Committee meeting:**

When: 10/6/11...1:00 to 2:30 PM

Where: Community Center

Attendees: Al Moren, Claudia Ellsworth, Steve Chapin, Kathy Deuster, Judy Greinke, Ellis and Sue Pottorff, Ed Hovde, Allan and Dianne DeGood, Richard Urfer, Jester Purtteman (Northwest Water Systems)

The meeting was called to give Jester an opportunity to review the bid documents and to answer the committee members' questions...also, to update the time line for the project. Some highlights discussed:

- The project is about one month late due to redesign by the engineers;
- A fence will be installed around the well property, as well as a secure door to the building;
- The total island will only be out of water for a maximum of four hours at the beginning of the project. Later, individual neighborhoods (i.e. "zoned outages") will be disrupted for system installation;
- Total project cost is estimated at \$2,200,000;
- HMC is responsible for hiring the USDA required "Resident Observer";
- We have a large list of residents who want excess dirt, but HMC properties get it first;
- Any big changes we make at this point will require USDA approval;
- Power upgrades to pump house: Pen Light will do this part first so flushing can be done properly. Claudia and Jester will coordinate timing;
- Interim financing: Key Bank is very interested and has worked with USDA before. Per Jester, this will go quickly due to USDA involvement: federally guaranteed.
- Back flow issues: the DOH is very interested in making sure the few issues we have are properly engineered. This is the member's responsibility and only applies to plumbed-in items like pools, hot tubs, sprinkler systems, etc.

### **Updated timeline:**

11/12/11:	Bid docs to Board for approval
11/15-30:	Advertise bids
01/06/12:	Bids close/due to engineer
01-02/12:	Bid evaluation
Spec. Mtg.:	Board accepts bid
02/10/12:	Contract signed with winning bidder(s)
03/01/12:	Work begins
09-10/12:	Project completion/USDA loan/prepay window of 30 days

Per Jester, the contractors can do about 250 feet per day, five days per week, eight hours per day. Also, "boil water" notices (if needed) will have to be communicated, possibly by door-to-door volunteers.

Communication plan during construction: Beachcomber (with monthly on-line updates during months the B/C is not published), email distribution list, separate letter as needed, neighbor to neighbor, white board notices.

### **Next WPC meeting: To be determined.**

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