

Prudence Island Water District
Minutes of meeting: February 18, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; Robert Hanson and Phillip Brooks. Absent was Richard Brooks.

Approval of minutes for meeting held February 4, 2006. Phillip Brooks moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hanson, approved unanimously.

Administrative: Annual report. Ms. Richard said that the report was at the printers and was quoted a price of \$270. She said that the mailing list had been rebuilt to allow sorting by zip code.

Renewed web site hosting for one year and check was issued to Mr. Buffum for \$42.66; his credit card was used to make the payment to the web host, godaddy.com.

Bank statement from Citizens Bank showing checking acct balance of \$14,052.22

Invoice from Steve Muscatelli, CPA for annual financial statement. Check issued to Mr. Muscatelli for \$3000.

Technical, Land use and development. Letter from Gary Crosby, assistant town planner, to PIPC regarding comprehensive plan. Ms. Richard said that the letter made it plain that no help with groundwater conservation was being contemplated by the town. She pointed out that Mr. Crosby regarded the data on water availability was confusing, but that the Public Utilities Commission had allowed the PIUC to impose a moratorium on new connections using the data. Ms. Richard said that under the circumstances, district representatives should not be extending themselves to attend the development planning meetings if it conflicted with their schedules. Mr. Brooks concurred. Mr. Buffum said that while it was appropriate to keep the lines of communication open, correspondence rather than personal attendance might be more appropriate. Ms. Kim Greene, general counsel, suggested that if the district took issue with the claims in Mr. Crosby's letter, it should compose a response refuting his claims. Mr. Buffum said Mr. Crosby's concern was whether regulating development on that basis would hold up in court. Mr. Brooks said that he would attend the next planning meeting and asked if Ms. Richard had gotten the census figures from Mrs. Hibbard. He said that he would put together documentation on what was being consumed, ongoing leak detection surveys to date and a list of water availability documents.

Mr. Brooks said that Robert Heile had asked him to do a leak detection survey for the Prudence Park water system. Mr. Hanson cautioned Mr. Brooks that he should make it clear that he would be performing these services as an individual and not as a member of the district board. Ms. Richard said that he should ask the Prudence Park system administrator to sign an agreement holding Mr. Brooks harmless from any damage that might result from addressing leaks within their system.

Mr. Brooks gave Ms. Richard the latest leak detection survey documents. He said that he had confirmed 3 leaks since beginning the survey. Mr. Buffum said that documentation should be given to the PIUC. Mr. Buffum also said that he would like to accompany Mr. Brooks when he made the surveys.

E-mail from Tom Nicholson, C&E Engineering, estimating that he would be completing the draft pre-development engineering and environmental reports in approximately 3 weeks.

Mr. Buffum asked Mr. Brooks if he thought that the piping in the distribution system conformed to that named in the master plan. Mr. Brooks said that to the best of his knowledge some of the piping was not in conformance.

Funding. Ms. Richard said that she would be exploring appropriations funding from federal representatives. She said that she would be limiting her request to funding for professional services.

No correspondence

No other business.

Mr. Buffum moved for adjournment to executive session, seconded by Mr. Brooks, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk