

COMMUNITY ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES

December 9, 2008

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Lou Reinkens and Ron Treabess

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Gustafson, General Manager  
Jim Dykstra, Treasurer/Director of Acct. & Employee Services  
Tony Laliotis, Director of Utilities  
Matt Homolka, District Engineer  
Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

*The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.*

1. Public Forum

*There was no comment.*

2. Review of Prop. 218 Notice

*Ms. Gustafson passed out a rough draft of the Prop. 218 Notice and said that it needs to be completed quickly in order to get it to the printer in time for mailing. She had several points that she needed direction on. The first item was billing. Mr. Dykstra led a discussion on monthly vs. quarterly billing. It was decided that water/sewer customers would be billed monthly. Sewer only customers would be billed quarterly.*

*Ms. Gustafson said that the next item she needed direction on was the start date for new rates in the next five years. The start date for 2009 is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Committee felt that April 1<sup>st</sup> should be the start date for each of the rate hikes.*

*Ms. Gustafson's next item was open houses/workshops for people to learn about the increases and calculate what their rates would be. The Committee said that they should be held on regular work days with staff available during the day to help anyone that comes in. It was decided to have them on January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff will also put a calculator on the District's website for customers to calculate their new rates.*

*Ms. Gustafson's last item was the written protest. She went over ways that other district's handle protest hearings and the actual written protests. A discussion was held on the District's responsibility on the protest and Ms. Gustafson suggested that protests be written and separate documents from the bills. They must be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered. An e-mailed protest would not count. Several members of the audience made suggestions for information that should be included on the Notice of Proposed Rate Increases.*

3. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.*

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Ginger Charlton, District Clerk