Village of Wimberley Water/Wastewater Advisory Board

Minutes of January 11, 2001 meeting (revised1/25/01)

Members Present: Klepfer, Anderson, Baker, Persohn, Pigg, Gumbert
Ex officio Member: Ken Jacobs, Mayor of Woodcreek
Guests: Peg Tharp, Woodcreek City Administrator, David Welch, GBRA

Aqua Source rate appeal hearing is Jan. 25th. We will protest that this usurps the authority of our village to address rates and that state wide rates are not fair.

Friday Jan. 5th there was a sewage spill at the Aqua Source lift station at Brookshire Brothers which ran for some time undetected and flooded the adjacent property belonging to the Senior Citizens. This was reported to TNRCC by the City , Seniors and Aqua Source. Klepfer will draft a letter from the Village to send A/S requesting that A/S take measures to address the problem. There are several actions that can be taken including emergency alarms remoted to responsible parties, automatic back up generators, etc. Welch recommended it be left up to A/S to come up with the solution and that it should apply to all lift stations. May require a city ordinance. Copies of the letter should go to TNRCC, the EPA, Hays Co. Environmental Health Dept., etc. There are concerns that the retention pond is insufficient for runoff from the parking lot and overflows. Should that happen at the same time as a spill the sewage will spread farther.

There is a request for Blue Hole Management Ltd. to renew and increase their Permit to Dispose of Wastes. The expansion is due to proposed development and would allow irrigation of treated effluent on 19 acres and include depositing sludge on the property. This permit renewal may trigger expansion allowed under this permit if the property is developed. We should request that the Blue Hole developer meet with this board to review his plans for waste disposal. If time permits they should get approval from the Planing and Zoning Commission before we take action but if there is not enough time we should protest the permit.

Our attorneys say we have permission to inspect facilities so will coordinate an inspection time with A/S. Will use local and GBRA help to do inspection.

The Village has an interlocal agreement with the Hays County Environmental Health Department for permitting on site sewage facilities. Alan Whalters, the county director of that department, is not aware of the agreement so we need to execute a written agreement. Pershorn will draft an application form for an owner to obtain from the Village to use to apply for a permit from Hays County Environmental Health Department.

Looking into three levels of testing for water quality in Cypress Creek and the Blanco River. Feeling of our board is that the most extensive testing that can be

afforded is the one to recommend to the city council. The highest level of testing without labor costs is estimated to be around $9000.00. David Welch, of GBRA said there may be financial assistance available from the regional group of the Texas Water Development Board. They give up to 50% of expense back for labor if done by local volunteers. GBRA may be putting in a testing site here and we could coordinate with them. Anderson and Baker to meet with Debbie and David from GBRA and check it out.

Recommend to city council that Wimberley adopt the same incentives that the county offers for rain water collection.

Baker reported that $2500.00 given to the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association by the Wimberley Lions Club will be used to install a new transducer on the well at Mt. Baldy that monitors ground water. The monitoring will be done by the Water Conservation District.

The next meeting will be 10:00 a.m. Jan. 25, 2001, at city hall.

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