

Village of Wimberley Water/ Wastewater Advisory Board

Minutes of May 24, 2001 meeting, 10:00 a.m. Wimberley City Hall

Members Present: Anderson, Baker, Klepfer, Moore, Gumbert

Guests: Don Rauschuber, President of DGR Municipal and Water Engineering

Minutes of, May 10, 2001 meeting approved with no changes:

The regular agenda was delayed in order to hear a presentation by Mr. Rauschuber. Mike Moore introduced Don as someone with integrity that he has known and worked with for some time. Some of the information from the discussion follows:

Regarding the purchase of the Aqua Source Plant and system (Woodcreek Utilities). The real key is to have a willing buyer and a willing seller. In arriving at a fair price there are several ways or a combination of ways.

1. Check comparables
2. Original cost versus depreciation
3. Cost of replacement, the commonly used also sets higher value
4. Consensus of buyer and seller, may use combination of factors

If there are many complaints about the service may get TNRCC to apply pressure to get A/S to the table. Chapter 13 of the Local Government Code may allow annexation, but only apply to service within city limits unless facility wants to come in to cities jurisdiction (check with city attorney). Be sure contract with the golf course to use treated effluent on the course is conveyable to a new buyer. When a treatment plant reaches 75% capacity TNRCC requires that it have plans for expansion and when reaches 90% construction must be started. Four things to do. This usually takes about six months.

1. Send letter of interest to A/S that want to buy Woodcreek Utilities. This may get them to respond with needed information.
2. Get TNRCC records. (We have them).
3. Institutional approach. Start with City Council and GBRA so have a financial package in place.
4. Coordinate with a future buyer of the entire A/S system.

Have to figure that revenues will cover cost of purchase unless want to have taxes. Depending on charges to customers 1000 customers could support a one million purchase price. If Village of Wimberley gets its own CCN have leverage since that would restrict A/S expansion.

Other items: Since Cypress Creek has been put on the 303D list of impaired water there can be no stream discharge into it. It was placed on this list due to high fecal coliform counts measured by TNRCC rather than the dissolved oxygen readings as previously indicated. A newly sodded 18 hole golf course will use 800,000 gallons a day of water or effluent. After established it will use 400,000 to 500,000 gallons per day.

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Steve requested that we all attend the GBRA public hearing 7:00 p.m. Thursday May 30th at City Hall to determine public interest in a Wimberley CCN. Also get people to sign a request for sewer service to show TNRCC there is citizen support.

David Baker gave a report on the Guadalupe River Basin Steering Committee meeting held on May 23, 2001 in Seguin.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.