# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Laclede Water District

208-255-4068

Meeting Date July 16, 2025 at Laclede Community Center – 6:00pm

Board members in attendance were Justin Roberts, Dave Stevens, Kimberly Swank, Chuck Thompson and Gloria Fletcher. Around 20+ water users also came. The meeting started at 6:02.

This was a two part meeting to first discuss the Ordinances/By-Laws changes. Then our regular monthly meeting was held after.

**Introduction and Explanation of the meeting**

 Justin Roberts began the meeting explaining the process and what was going to happen. He then introduced Dave Stevens. Dave had worked for many months gathering all the old By-Laws and trying to put them together for the Board to review. Dave also told everyone that he had obtained a “tool” to help us all figure out how much money we needed every month and the process of implementing it.

**Discussion of the Ordinances/By-Laws**

 Justin Roberts, Dave Stevens

A very thorough slide show was presented to the water users. Dave explained that this had all been given to our attorney to make sure we were legal. Many people had comments during the presentation. All questions were answered.

The meeting ended at 8:40.

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Bring meeting to order\***

The regular meeting started at 8:49. Most of the water users left. The Board was still in attendance.

**Approve Minutes\***

Justin asked if anyone wanted the minutes to be read. No one did. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes. Kimberly 2nd it and they were approved.

**Changes in Agenda \***

Old business we need to follow up on the water connection that was asked for last month.

**Old Business\***

 **Update from Ardurra \***

Justin told us he had talked with Brent Deyo from Ardurra. He updated us on the Bid process for the new plant. Because they had received a lot of questions, Ardurra moved the bid closing for one extra week. Many contractors had questions about working with Veolia. The big question is the boring for the intake pump. The parking lot of the boat ramp must be 20 feet deep. That is going to be a problem. We aren’t sure yet who will bid. Someone has already backed out.

 **Update of Pre-Bid Meeting**

Around 30 people showed up. Brent went through the process and explained different parts of it to the group. They then adjourned and looked at the areas.

**Discussion of approval amount for one Board member requested from Contractors**

Contractors wanted to have someone making decisions right away. That’s a problem with our system. Justin said he can call each of us individually if needed and then make a decision. We also need to be able to approve change order money as soon as possible. Justin thinks we wait till the contractor was selected and then decide what we should do.

 **Ordinances/By-Laws \***

We discussed the meeting and our thoughts on the outcome. We decided to go ahead and vote on the By-Laws/Ordinances. It is going to take a while to get this in the billing system. Dave will have to work with Stephanie to get it set up. Dave made a motion that we accept the New Ordinances now. With the rate structure to go in place on December 1, 2025. Dave made a motion to accept Appendix A with the Ordinances we just approved. Chuck 2nd and it was approved. Since it is not going to be in effect till December we will update it with the new budget. Dave made a motion to accept Appendix B which is the ERU table. Chuck 2nd and it was approved. Dave made a motion to accept Appendix C which is the Application process, Chuck 2nd and it was approved. Dave made a motion to accept Appendix D which is the hookup process. Chuck 2nd and it was approved. Everything has been approved!!

 **Cross Connection Document**

This was tabled till next month.

 **Update on request from Mr Stevens Sr on water connection from people with wells**

Gloria found four people who have been charged to connect to the water system that have never used it. In fact, none of them even have meters. Gloria went to the old system and our current system to see how much money each of the four people paid. We discussed this issue. Several options were discussed. Justin will call our Attorney to get his opinion on it.

**New Business\***

 **Request from water user regarding business in District**

Vicky Johnson brought up that Mr Wray is conducting business in a non-business zoned area. She wanted the Water Board to send a letter to the Zoning board about this. A discussion followed. We explained that we had given him 3 additional water connections. He asked for nine and was turned down. We explained that his business had nothing to do with the water board, so we didn’t have a reason to get involved. Much discussion was made about this issue. Justin said he could call the zoning committee and say the complaint had come to us. Gloria made a motion to have Justin call the Planning Committee to tell them we had received a complaint, Chuck seconded it and it was approved.

**Plant Operation\***

Bob wasn’t there. Justin reminded us that the pump had gone down this month. We sent out emails to our users. We were lucky to get it back working.

 **Leak on Manley Creek**

We haven’t received the bill yet. As soon as we get it we will be talking with Zach on the process to get our funds back. We have pictures and a Sheriff report. They worked for about 12 hours to find and fix the leak.

 **Leak on Laclede Shores Drive**

Last month Mike from WSM and Kendall from Lynx decided there wasn’t a leak. Now the ground is sinking. They were called again. Unfortunately, they worked on July 3rd and 5th to get it fixed.

 **Bill from Bruce Moline on River Run**

Bruce called that his bill was extremely high. Especially since they aren’t living there and don’t have a sink. We realized that our Accountants haven’t updated the water readings each month for his account. Gloria talked to Shawn to get this fixed.

 **Discussion on cleaning office area**

 Tabled to next month.

**Water User Forum**

Nothing.

**Treasurer’s Report \***

 Umpqua Checking $434,470.82

 Umpqua Reserve Acct 19,073.24

 Mountain West Flex account $224,161.00

The numbers are a little off from the reports. We need to talk to Stephanie to find out why.

**Review/Pay the bills \***

Gloria made a motion to pay the bills, Kimberly 2nd it. It was approved.

**Adjournment**

Gloria made a motion to adjourn at 9:42. Chuck seconded it and it was approved. Our marathon meeting was over.

**\*Action items**