

SILVER KNOLLS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION Monthly Membership Meeting  
August 15, 2023  
Final Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1830 p.m. by President Rob Pierce. The meeting took place at the Silver Knolls Fire House and online using the Zoom Conferencing software.
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum:
  - a. Board members present: President, Rob Pierce, Vice President Jan Bishop, Recording Secretary, Tami Rougeau (Zoom), Treasurer Matias Leiva, Corresponding Secretary Shelly Doyle; Membership Chairman Oliver Ryan, Casey Meaden; Keith Dayton (Zoom), Diane Walizer; Mickey Thompson; Pam Becker
3. Members Absent: (excused)
4. Public Attendees: Suzie Thompson, Amy and Linda Zimmerman
5. Approval of Minutes: July monthly minutes
  - a. Casey motions, Matias seconds, Minutes approved unanimously
6. Treasurer Report
  - a. Beginning Balance \$5856.96
  - b. Deposits: \$48 From membership
  - c. Expenses - \$346.00 To Rob For Insurance \$165.41 to Casey
7. Corresponding Secretary Report: Nothing to Report
8. Membership: 86 paid members as of 08/15/23
9. New Business:
  - a. TMWA American Flat Project – John Edmo (TMWA), Joe Cutreay (City of Reno Water Reclamation Project) – TMWA operates all of the water authority systems for Washoe County. Water is accessed from Truckee river, Fish Springs and ground water. They recharge the wells as well to help with arsenic levels and maintain ground water levels recharged from Fish Springs and Truckee River. City of Reno runs the water reclamation that is in Stead for about 20 years. This water can be used for golf course and park watering, dust abatement etc.
  - b. New category of recycled water A+ that is cleaned to drinking water status and can be used to recharge wells. This type of water purification has been going on for 20 years, primarily in CA. Being used more throughout the nation as water sources become less and less. Reno and TMWA teamed up to do the American Flat project to treat the reclaimed water to A+ standard to recharge wells. Pilot study started in 2008 and began again in 2017 to use new technology. Evaluations were made on several different systems to decide on the best system. Received approval from the state and continued testing which was successful. Will construct a \$2 mil facility in American Flat. Initially water will be used to water the hay fields while testing continues. Will be extracted and placed into the aquifer and tested many more times before it is extracted. The timeline should start 2025 and take approximately 2 years then 2030 before it could be fully functional and used in the system. Will include an education center to

help educate population and build confidence in the system. Could be the cleanest safest drinking water in the state. Effect on domestic wells – should not impact domestic wells, even the ones closest to the project. No force conversion of domestic wells. Silver Hills project may actually have to use this system if it goes through, also the airport and commercial areas. No plans to support Silver Knolls Water Authority.

- c. Fish Springs has 5 large commercial wells, the location used to be a working ranch. 90% of the farming in this area is gone, there are solar farms there now. Fish Springs can actually supply most of the water needed. Adding in the new technology will help as well. All of these projects take a long time to complete. FS was actually completed by a private company.
- d. During high water years the water can be captured to help support drier years. Trying to expand the amount of recharge that is happening
- e. One Water Nevada made up of Reno, Sparks, TMWA, UNR, NDOT and NWI is an independent reviewer of the results of the testing. Another expert panel since 2016 to test and gather information from other similar projects. Many local officials have toured the facility.
- f. Letter box was stolen so we cannot change the sign. Discussion regarding buying new letters or abandoning the sign. Current cost to replace is \$400.00, plus a box and place to store it. Board member volunteers to use her property to store them. Jan suggests we replace the letters. Matias asks if there are other signs we could use, Casey says an electronic sign would cost \$10,000 or more. Tami agrees to buying the letters and board member who will keep the letters/container can provide approval to access her property, we have a responsibility to keep the sign going. Tami motions for letters, Keith Seconds, motion passes unanimously and Casey will purchase. Matias will provide a Husky travel case. Board member will provide a letter of approval for us to access her property to get the letters. Jan suggests that if we do another fund raiser that we state that the funds are used to reimburse cost of letters

#### 10. Old Business

- a. Ditch Repair – Still getting the run around from the county. They keep saying they will be doing it in the next few months. The need to protect the community needs to be the priority. They say they will be on people's property to repair and to fix the ditches.

#### 11. President and Board Items

- a. President announcements Carly has officially resigned and her position is now open. Will also need someone to take on the Fire Wise project
- b. Next monthly board meeting – third Tuesday, 19 September 2023, 1830 at the firehouse or Zoom option
- c. Agenda items are due the Tuesday prior
- d. CAB is the second Tuesday of the month at the North Valley's Library with Zoom option. Good way to keep up with what is going on locally. Washoe County Website has the link to the CAB meetings.

#### 12. Other Business

- a. Neighborhood Watch:
  - b. Board Member Comments
    - i. Casey will reach out to a couple of people who may be interested.
    - ii. Jan and Matias are interested in taking on the Fire Wise. Rob will get with them to go over what it entails
  - c. Attending guests are listed above
13. Public Comment
- a. People need to keep up on the weed abatement, thistle etc. Keep easements open.
14. Adjournment at 1940

Respectfully Submitted

Tami R. Rougeau  
Recording Secretary