# Willowbank County Service Area (WCSA) Advisory Committee DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting Held 2020-10-20 Meeting carried on via Zoom

1. Call to Order: Committee Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Woods noted that in the interests of accuracy they meeting will be recorded. The recording will be kept only as long as necessary to ensure the accurate preparation of the minutes. The Chair thanks Julie Auger for her help in setting up this Zoom meeting.

**Committee Members Present:**, Marcia Kreith, Joanne Roy, Kent Calfee, Olin Woods, Liz McCapes.

**Members Absent: Brian Morrisey** 

**Recording Secretary:** Michael Curry

**Others Present:** Julie Auger, Nann Fangue, Anne Todgham, Pam Eisele, Nann Fangue, Gail Finney, Renee Spenst, Bill Corliss, Gail Finney, Lisa Simmons

Yolo County District 4 : Supervisor Jim Provenza; Rich Reed

- **2. Introductions:** Committee members and visitors gave self-introductions.
- **3. Approval of the minutes:** Moved, Kent Calfee; Seconded, Joanna Roy; Approved unanimously
- 4. **Public comments:** None
- **Yolo County Report (Supervisor Provenza)** (arrived 7:50 PM).

**Pandemic and related issues:** Provenza and his staff have spent considerable time dealing with issues raised by the pandemic epidemic. Among those issues are resources for needy residents; financial support for businesses impacted by the pandemic; and determination of appropriate scheduling for opening of local businesses. The county has found it necessary to spend its own funds in support of these goals, but the State is in part reimbursing the county for those expenditures. For now the County has maintained the status quo for the budget, and has managed to avoid laying off personnel.

With respect to regulation of activities, the county uses the State's set of categories; the County can be more but not less strict. The holidays are times when there is considerable risk. Current regulations stipulate that meetings involve no more than sixteen individuals.

There was recently an outbreak at a nursing home in Woodland.

The County has hired a new health officer, Dr. Sisson, who was formerly at Placer County.

**Voting:** There will be no traditional polling places. Residents can vote by mail or drop ballots

off at drop boxes at one of the two Nugget stores. There will be Voter Assistant centers at several locations. Ballots mailed must be postmarked by November 3. As of today 40-50% of residents have voted.

#### Queries and comments from the committee:

**Marcia Kreith:** Residents need to receive legally correct summaries of the recently approved loose-pile waste regulations. Provenza responded that he will see to it that that happens. He noted that it will be possible to make changes to the new regulations, and that residents should make their concerns known. The final version of the regulation changes the time by which waste carts should be moved from the street, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

He noted that the fines are the same as the fines in other similar parts of the County.

Olin Woods thanked Provenza work for his work on this issue.

### 6. Report on 10/13/20 Water Rates Subcommittee Meeting

**Kent Calfee**: The committee wishes to collect data concerning the implications of the recent changes in the water-treatment system. The committee would also be pleased to find individuals with the technical expertise deal with these issues. Marcia Kreith suggested that it would be useful to have individuals willing to "bird-dog" water-rates meetings, which are available on-line. (Davis Utilities Commission and pertinent City Council Meetings)

# 7. Consideration of 2021 WCSA Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

# Woods proposes the following schedule, with all meetings taking place on Tuesday evening:

January 19, 2021

March 16, 2021

May 18, 2021

August 24, 2021

October 21, 2021

The issue of location was raised; at this point it appears that at least the first few meetings will continue to take place via Zoom.

Kreith inquired whether, in the event that we find ourselves able to return to meetings held at a physical location, would it be possible to have us placed on the Montgomery School waiting list.

Move to adopt the proposed schedule: Kreith so moves; Second, Roy; the motion passes unanimously

# 8. Presentation of "Aqua Hawk" Features

Julie Auger presented a summary of the Aqua Hawk system. Willowbank residents are able to use the system by virtue of their connection to the Davis City Services system. It provides a detailed graphic showing rainfall, water use, and temperature by hour, day, and year.

Further information is available at:

https://www.cityofdavis.org/city-hall/public-works-utilities-and-operations/water/water-conservation/water-use-portal

Login is :https://davica.aquahawk.us/login

The system has various potential uses; beyond simple tracking of normal use it potentially could help in finding system leaks.

The system requires registration, and a password; participation in the system is optional and may be terminated at any time.

#### 9. Budget update

We don't at this time have much information concerning the WCSA's budget for the year. Our current fund balance is \$3,140, after the first quarter. After the upcoming second-quarter property tax collection we anticipate an additional amount of about \$4,000. The only notable item is that by virtue of a drop in the money market, we suffered an \$83loss in the first quarter.

#### 10. Recommendation for Purchase of Recording Device

Michael Curry made a brief summary of the recording-device issue. Two benefits would accrue from the adoption of a recording system. First, it would streamline the production of meeting minutes; and second, it would, potentially, provide a means for the amplification of meeting discussions. There are a wide range of possible systems, some are stand-alone, while others take advantage of devices such as the mobile telephone. Any decision for the choice of a system needs to bear in mind that with increases in complexity and range the cost of a system increases rapidly; and the future of in-person meetings is at this point difficult to predict. This latter suggests that we need not make a decision in haste, but can instead shop around.

In response to a query from the audience, Curry responded that we do not have in mind a system that creates a permanent record of meetings; we would anticipate that recordings would be destroyed after their use in aiding in the production of minutes is fulfilled.

## **11.** WCSA Advisory Committee Member Comments

Kreith: Reiterates that it would be nice if people with expertise in water and water policy would volunteer their expertise.

# 12. Adjournment to the Next Regularly Scheduled WCSA Advisory Committee Meeting

Woods declares the meeting adjourned;

The next meeting to be held via Zoom; January 19, 2021