

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Board of Directors - Special Session
"Minutes"
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Herb Benshoof, Pat Sherman, Josh Edwards, Matt Petersen, Ted Adolay, and Jay Nogan

Board Members Absent: Chad Crimmins

Staff Present: Josh Hawley, Jimmy Green

Freeholders/Guests: Approximately 75 Freeholders and over 100 via Zoom

1. Mr. Sherman spoke about revisions to the assessment collections including lowering the maximum equal assessment from \$972 to \$275 as well as using State Statute 14.33.2.3 to define an assessable Freehold.
2. Mr. Hawley opened the Public Reading of Resolution 2020-6: Proposed Water Rate Increase. Mr. Hawley stated there would be a 24.48% increase in water rates due to a 36% increase from our provider, Prince's Lakes. It also includes a small \$255,000 project to provide district metering and upgrading the current meter reading system. There will also be a \$5.89 surcharge on all bills from November through April.
 - a. Questions from Freeholder about if the utility is part of the IURC or ever has been. Mr. Hawley and Mr. Benshoof explained that the utility is not, nor ever has been a member of the IURC and is not required to be.
 - b. Question from Freeholder about the cost of our water loss. Mr. Hawley went over data regarding monthly water loss and stated that it is significant, thus warranting this project to aid in finding additional leaks.
 - c. Question from Freeholder regarding customer leak detection. Mr. Hawley explained the process of reading meter alarms and reporting it to customers.
 - d. Question from Freeholder regarding the fire hydrant levy. Mr. Young answered that law allows for the charge of a fire hydrant levy. Discussion about what the hydrant levy covers.
 - e. Question about paying the entire sum of the surcharge up front. Mr. Hawley stated that it would show up as a credit on the water bill.
 - f. Comment from a Freeholder about how low our water rates are compared to where he lived in Florida.
3. Mr. Benshoof closed the public reading.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen made a motion to approve, at first read, the new water rates. Mr. Nogan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted

Jay Nogan, CSCD Board Secretary

Date Submitted: _____