

**FOREST LAKES DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
WORK SESSION**

September 19, 2024


The Forest Lakes DWID Work Session called to order by Chairman Gary Richardson at 10:00 am at The Water District Office. Present were Board Member: Joe Taylor, Lou St. Germain, Pat Murphy, and Dan Parks. Staff member present Grant Cooper and Amy Belch.

- 1. Discussion and Review of Approach and Philosophy on Financials/Project Management for FLDWID**
Mr. Taylor states the path forward moved away from past philosophy. Since 1972 projects have moved forward and debt free. The manager managed the projects and bought the material in advance. All projects were approved by ADEQ and Coconino County. Mr. Taylor refers to Master Plan and it states debt free and avoid loans. Mr. Taylor spoke with Mr. Chief Rodriguez. ISO rating is the best Forest Lakes. Forest Lakes ISO rating is a 4. The insurance rates are because of the geographic area.
Mr. Taylor recommends a 5-year capital plan starting with Bailey and Wildcat and staying debt free. Mr. Taylor would like to work with Mr. Murphy on getting a 5-year capital plan together. Mr. Parks stated to go into debt only if needed but also to investigate Forest Lakes DWID's options such as WIFA or Grants.
- 2. Discussion and Review of Available Grants and Loans for FLDWID**
Mr. Parks states WIFA means "Water Infrastructure Finance Authority". Mr. Parks handed out a paper that has organizations that are very helpful. Arizona Special District Alliance, Rural Water Association of Arizona, Az Districts Solutions, and Municipal Accounts. Mr. Parks states he has more investigating to gather more data on WIFA and Grants. Mr. Parks suggested members to attend the Arizona Rural Water Infrastructure Committee zoom meeting on September 24th at 1pm. Ms. Belch will also attend via zoom.
- 3. Discussion and Review of Plaques for Prior Board Members**
Mr. Parks suggests \$200.00 for the 2 plaques. Mr. Cooper recommended dedicating the flagpole to Mr. Studer with a Plaque to hang on the pole. Mr. Taylor states that would mean more to Mr. Studer than a plaque. Mr. Parks will move forward with the purchase not to exceed \$200.00.
- 4. Discussion and Review of Flagpole Status**
Mr. Murphy states flagpole is up and would like to raise it with the FLDWID Board members today. Total spent on Flagpole project was \$451.20.
- 5. Discussion and Review of Email sent by FLDWID Member**
Mr. Taylor presented his response to board members. Mr. St. Germain would like to review response. Mr. Richardson recommends adding it to next month's agenda.
- 6. Discussion and Review of RWAA Zoom Meeting and Stephanie Irwin, CPA Meeting**
No time permitted; Mr. Taylor will report in his treasures report.

Mr. Gary Richardson closed the meeting at 11:10 am.
Forest Lakes DWID
Minutes By: Amy Belch



Gary Richardson, Chairman of the Board



Dan Parks, Secretary

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