

DEWNEY AREA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOX 3005, Mission B.C. V2V 4J3
Phone:604-826-2713 (messages) Fax:604-826-0578
Email:admin@daidinfo.com Website:www.daidinfo.com

TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2017 – 7 PM
Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie

Minutes

In Attendance: Ray Boucher (Chairman)
Steve Anderson
Rick Dekker
David Scott
Jim Loewen
Richard Astell
Richard Shelley

Absent: Deb McKay
Brett Vander Wyk

Call to Order: 7:01 PM

Motion: To Adopt September 25, 2017 meeting agenda
Dave Scott, Jim Loewen
Favor: 7 Opposed: None Abstentions: None Motion: Adopted

Motion: To Adopt June 26, 2017 meeting minutes
Dave Scott, Jim Loewen
Favor: 7 Opposed: None Abstentions: None Motion: Adopted

Dike Manager Report: See Appendix (1)

Administrator/Finance
Officers Report: See Appendix (2)

Pump Station Report Dave Scott – All 3 Pumps Repaired And Tested

BC Front Desk
Weed Removal Dave Scott – No License this year for weed removal

Dyke Trespassing Jim Loewen – Police issue, farmer owns land on both sides of dyke
signage is adequate

Date for next
Trustee Board Meeting: October 30, 2017

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM

Dewdney Area Improvement District
Dike Manager Report
September 25, 2017

APPENDIX (1)

End of June Mowing finished

July 10 Last day of pumping -1629 hours total Freshet Pumping

July 11 Pulled Pumps 2 & 3 For Repair to Beaver Electric

July 14 Flood Gates Open

July 17 Slide Gates Put Down (with help)

July 31 Pumps 2 & 3 Reinstalled, Pump 1 Pulled For Repair

Aug 14 Reinstalled Pump 1 & Finished Up 2 & 3 Also Removed Chains on Discharge Flaps (with help)

Sept 11 Test Run Pump 1 & 3 – Tested OK

Sept 15 Slide Gates Lifted

M/S to adopt minutes
Ray Barch Oct. 30, 2017

APPENDIX (2)

**DEWDNEY AREA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION/FINANCIAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2017**

July and August 2017 operations had continued communications over property sales, and processing of tax payments, general operations and accounting.

Tax payments dollars received - July \$50,328.76 and August \$48,747.94

To Sept 23 - \$75,388.02 and with post dates of \$28,000.00

Total funds July- Sept 23 - \$202,464.72

Totals Owing After the above is posted:

2014 - \$800.48

2015 - \$12,047.08

2016 - \$43,091.72

2017 – 222,930.00 (post dated total removed)

1 week of mail yet to come before end of September deadline (post date total \$28K taken off 2017 balance).

I would like to remind ratepayers that effective October 1, 2017 all 2017 outstanding balances will be charged a 10% penalty (which is established under Taxation Rural Act)

I am further reporting that I received a circular September 15, 2017 and Effective October 1, 2017 the interest rate established under Section 11(3) of Taxation (Rural Act) shall be **6.20%** on all delinquent balances.

I would like to **suggest a motion** to strike a committee of trustees "Tax Committee" to discuss delinquent tax accounts in detail that should not be discussed in an open meeting due to personal financial information of the ratepayers involved, and provincial privacy laws. Information on delinquent accounts will be obtained and shared with the Rural Tax department in Victoria BC. All properties with 2 years or more arrears will be subject to tax sale.

On July, I received an email from Alexa Newton - Financial Analyst Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the methods of assessment and taxation which will be addressed by the board later in this meeting. In this communication comments were also made that financial information was not able to be accessed.

I have been with the board since March of 2016 and once at a meeting this topic arose, with a request for ratepayers to see the monthly financial reports given to the trustees. It was explained that these reports will not be released as they are subject to adjustments at year end, and that the full, complete, audited information is provided at the annual general meeting once a year in April.

Any other requests for specific information is to be directed to the board in writing and is further subject to the bylaw for administrative costs for providing documentation based on the time needed to obtain or produce the material approved by the board.

To date I am not aware of any such request and I challenge the ratepayer who logged this complaint to address the board to put this matter to rest as I have first hand heard that "Financial information is being keep from the public"

As Financial Officer since March of 2016 I would like to assure the ratepayers that all - Dewdney Area Improvement District financial information has been fully disclosed, as required.

I discussed this matter with Ms. Newton in some detail, as invalid complaints should be taken very seriously and are a waste of all provincial taxpayer dollars. Ratepayers need to be aware that Improvement Districts are subject to both Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Acts. Requests in writing will ensure that the information provided is accurate, complete and allowed within the law, and was the ruling of this board in the handling of these types of requests. This will also keep from any further misinterpretations and half truths that result in these complaints.

In August I resigned as Administration and Finance Officer effective September 30, 2017 and will be staying in an alternative capacity.

Sincerely,

Gwen Zayonce