

**BEVERLY BEACH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**August 23, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Joel Wight at 10 a.m. at the Bayview Senior Center. Joel welcomed everyone (approximately 55 people), acknowledging several transitions in the past year. New members Ron Knox and Jill Kennedy were introduced to the community.

The minutes of the 2013 annual meeting (as mailed and posted on the website) were approved.

Draft copies of the FY2013/14 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were distributed. Secretary Dianne Shiner noted that the change in fees and reduced expenses had successfully turned the trend of operating deficits for the last two years, with a net income of \$4,416.

Joel reported that Doug Kelly, Hydrogeologist for Island County Environmental Health, was unable to attend the meeting as announced on the agenda. Robin Charwood offered to arrange another time.

**Report from Joe Waldrup, BBIC Water System Manager**

Joe Waldrup reported that there are five levels of risk for seawater intrusion and that the Beverly Beach well is rated by Island County as "moderate risk". The State now requires BBIC to test twice a year for electrical conductivity, an indicator of intrusion, and so far there is no indication. If the tests show significant change, we might need to install a data logger to track water properties on a daily basis.

BBIC draws from a massive aquifer that extends from Baby Island to Freeland; there are 37 wells on this aquifer. Rainfall is the only way this aquifer is replenished; our average 17 inches of rainfall/year is currently adequate to recharge the system. The bottom of our well is 8 feet below the mean sea level. A drought period or over pumping could cause a drop in the level at which water is drawn (upcanning). If we began to be at risk, Joe stated that one option is to reset the pump to only draw at low tide.

At the present time, we draw about 15,000 gal/day at the height of summer and approximately 6,000 gal/day in winter. Given our 105 active hookups, we are within the conservation goals of the 2005 Island County Water Resource Management plan. Each year, we are required to submit conservation goals for BBIC. However, BBIC is approved for 174 connections. If these were all developed or if more members were full-time (currently 48 households), our risk for intrusion would increase.

Additionally, Joe explained the unidirectional flushing system which helps circulate chlorine evenly throughout our double loop system. Joe reported only one complaint regarding odor and water quality this year. However, several concerns have been expressed regarding erosion damage caused by the average 4,000 gallons of water that is used each week.

Joel Wight thanked Joe for his excellent service in keeping our water system well maintained.

**Trustee Evaluation of the 2013/14 Rate Structure**

Dianne Shiner reviewed the report to the membership. Of the 4 goals, the most concern has been in regard to whether we are recovering all our operating costs in our rate system. Last year we voted to increase our fees based on the prior year operating cost and this proved effective in achieving this goal for the first time since we established the system. Bob McConnaughey noted that it would be better to still approve the new rates by vote at the annual meeting. After reviewing the bylaws, the following rates were moved, seconded and unanimously approved:

member dues: \$80 (141 property owners)  
capital reserve: \$240 (119 hookups)  
operating base: \$188 (105 active hookups)

In response to last year's discussion of the second goal of fairness, particularly in regard to family households, the Board undertook a written survey of rates in other water systems in our water association, and received 37 responses. Robin Charlwood and Jean Summers compiled this information which was available at the meeting. A wide variety of rate structures was reported and BBIC compared favorably. Appreciation was expressed for this effort to look at alternatives. The Board was informally asked to continue considering an average threshold on a per capita basis.

The capital reserve is now at \$121,839 and a question was raised whether there will be a foreseeable point when the assessment might be reduced. Robin Charlwood said this assessment is based on a forecast of replacement costs. If circumstances underlying the current assessment change, the Board can revisit the question. The 2014 asset inventory sheet was distributed.

In regard to conservation, Dianne updated the yearend figures with actual July usage and noted that we still had our lowest year of usage (2,551,310 gallons) since we started recording in 2010. Even with a very hot, dry month, we had fewer overages for this past year than before (111 overage incidents compared to 161, 122, and 140 in previous years)!

### **Nomination and Election of Officers and Trustees**

President Joel thanked outgoing Trustee Jean Summers for her excellent service. Jean reviewed term limits for Trustees by explaining each term is 3 years and can be renewed once before a Trustee is required to step off the Board for at least a year. Jean presented Gordy Frederickson and invited other nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the slate as proposed. The 2014-15 Board of Trustees is as follows:

- Joel Wight, President (last year, second term)
- Robin Charlwood, Vice-President (second year, first term)
- Dianne Shiner, Secretary (last year, second term)
- Linda Kemp, Treasurer (last year, first term)
- Ron Buzard, Trustee (first year, second term)
- Fred Marshall, Trustee (second year, second term)
- Gordy Frederickson, Trustee (first year, first term)

Joel noted that two officers will be going off the Board next year and asked that everyone consider a time of Board service as an opportunity to learn and contribute to the welfare of the community.

### **Other Business**

David Bravender submitted a motion by proxy and in writing that the Board evaluate the cost and benefits of installing a pump house at the north end of Beverly Beach to address the flushing issues. The motion was seconded but received only two votes. Ron Buzard read a recent letter from Cane Engineering that stated pumping was unlikely to address the water quality concern, and recommended unidirectional flushing as the best method for even chlorine distribution. The Board had requested a pump house estimate from Cane in 2012 which was \$45,000 for the initial installation.

Several members expressed concern that the real problem was erosion and beach/watershed discharge. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Board investigate alternative methods for addressing the flushing discharge and report back to the membership.

Members were reminded to turn in the sheets with updated information regarding email addresses and preferences. In the future, only statements will be delivered by postal mail. Members must request the mailing of other materials. A new community directory will be published for 2015. A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved at 11:40 am.

### **THE 2015 MEETING WILL CONVENE ON SATURDAY AUGUST 22.**

Submitted by Dianne Shiner, Secretary