

Rhododendron Water Association

2022 Annual Meeting

Saturday May 21, 2022

1:00PM – 2:00PM

ZigZag Inn

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1 **PRESENT:** President, Steve Graeper; Board Members, Bill Nylund, Bob Phillips, Mike
2 Miskowicz, and John Young.

3 Others present: Water Master, David Jacob;

4 A total of 13 members signed the sign in sheet.

5 **ABSENT:** (Excused) Vice President/Treasurer, Ralph Pitt; Secretary, Merv Novinger; and
6 Executive Secretary, Laura Patty.

7 **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

8 **Quorum Determination:**

9 Graeper determined a quorum was present for the meeting to proceed.

10 **Welcome and Opening Remarks:**

11 President Steve Graeper opened the meeting at 1:05 PM. Graeper thanked everyone for attending
12 and announced that RWA was providing pizza and beverages for the meeting to say thank you to
13 the membership.

14 He then introduced the RWA Board of Directors in attendance: Board Members, Bob Phillips;
15 Bill Nylund; Mike Miskowicz; and John Young.

16 He also introduced Water Master, David Jacob.

17 **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

18 **Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

19 Graeper explained that because of COVID-19 no annual meetings were held for years 2020 or
20 2021, so the minutes of the last meeting, held May 17, 2019, need to be approved. While the
21 minutes were previously distributed via email and listed on RWA's website, so much time had
22 elapsed since the last meeting, he asked for the minutes to be read. Sharon Lamoreaux moved
23 and Melanie Farnsworth seconded a **motion to do away with the reading of the minutes.**
24 Motion PASSED unanimously.

25 He then asked for any corrections or amendments to the May 17, 2019 Annual Meeting minutes.
26 John Young moved and Bill Nylund seconded a **motion to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting**
27 **minutes as distributed.** Motion PASSED unanimously.

28 **Ratification of 2020 & 2021 RWA Board elections and ballot results**

29 Graeper pointed out that two years have passed since last meeting and election results have not
30 been made a part of the minutes record. Therefore, the election results needed to be ratified.

31 For year 2020, there were 55 ballots collected. Both Graeper and Miskowicz received 53 votes
32 and were elected for 3-year terms. There was only 1 "NO" vote to cancel the 2020 Annual
33 meeting.

34 For year 2021, there were 81 ballots collected. Bob Phillips received 77 votes and both Ralph
35 Pitt and John young received 76 votes. All three were elected for 3-year terms. There were 3
36 "NO" votes to cancel the 2021 Annual meeting.

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1 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

2 **Rhododendron Water Association Now and in the Future**

3 Graeper expressed the importance of the Board and thanked them for their foresight and efforts
4 towards helping RWA achieve all the major accomplishments to date. Graeper then went on to
5 read his prepared remarks listing what has been accomplished by RWA since the 2019 meeting.

6 *(The complete text of his remarks, are attached to these minutes).*

7 After the text was read, Bob Phillips Thanked Graeper for his efforts as RWA’s President and for
8 his efforts to protect the association’s watershed and for what likely will amount to tens of
9 thousands of dollars saved in loan costs, interest payments, and for advocating for possible
10 reimbursements.

11 Michelle Lamoreaux asked about the John Lake system and planned improvements. It was
12 explained that the existing John Lake water line is severely undersized and water pressure
13 fluctuates dramatically with multiple users. A new 4” water main will be installed along
14 Highway 26 from Henry Creek to John Lake Road. Then along the entire length of John Lake
15 Road with new meter hook-ups for all those served by the John Lake line.

16 **GUEST SPEAKER**

17 Graeper then introduced the guest speaker, **HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT, Chief, Jim Price.**

18 Chief Price spoke on the importance of defensible space around residences to prevent the spread
19 of wildfire. He also spoke about the possibilities of Rhododendron, or neighborhoods within
20 Rhododendron, becoming Firewise® communities and what all that entailed.

21 He concluded his remarks speaking about the 2020 Insurance Services Office (ISO) upgraded
22 ratings for the Hoodland area. He suggested it is always a good idea for area residents to
23 periodically ask their insurance provider to re-quote fire insurance coverage.

24 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURE’S REPORT**

25 **Review of 2019 Financials and 2020YTD**

26 Executive Secretary, Laura Patty was absent from the meeting. Graeper reminded everyone that
27 the 2019, 2020, and 2021 year-end financials were available on the Rhododendron Water web
28 site. He reported the following Balance Sheet items for 2022: Total Current Assets as of April
29 30, 2022 is \$144,107, with Total Assets listed as \$336,521.31. Current liabilities were listed as
30 \$9,464.80 and Long-term liabilities were listed as \$575,539.71.

31 **Account updates, billing changes**

32 None reported

33 **WATER MASTER REPORT**

34 **2021 Consumer Confidence Report**

35 Filtration Plant Operator David Jacob reported RWA has once again surpassed all minimum
36 requirements for water quality standards. The 2021 Consumer Confidence report is listed on the
37 web site. He also reported the filtration plants continue to operate as designed and the meter
38 replacement program is proceeding on schedule.

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1 **BUSINESS MEETING**

2 **RWA Financial Assistance Program**

3 Graeper reported that for the past three years, RWA has maintained a Bill Assistance program to
4 help qualifying members with water dues payments. Bob Phillips and Bill Nylund oversee the
5 confidential program and reported this year they have assisted only three members with water
6 association dues payments.

7 The program is funded strictly by donated funds from the community. The donated funds
8 account, available for assistance, currently has a balance of \$1100.00.

9 **Capital Improvement Projects Recap and Update**

10 Besides the on-going 10-year water meter replacement program, the John Lake water main
11 replacement is currently the only Capital Improvement project that is scheduled. That project
12 will take two years to accomplish and is currently on hold until the forest service completes the
13 process of approving our application to install water lines on forest service right-of-way. It is
14 expected to be approved sometime this construction season.

15 **RESULTS OF BALLOTING**

16 **Director Election Results**

17 Graeper reported the results of the RWA election ballot for Directors. There were 67 ballots
18 received. Merv Novinger and Bill Nylund both received a total of 62 votes and were elected for
19 3-year terms.

20 **MEMBER QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS**

21 Nothing noted.

22 **ADJOURNMENT**

23 President Graeper thanked everyone for attending the 2022 Annual meeting and adjourned at
24 2:04PM. The next RWA Annual Meeting will be held in May 2023.

25 Respectfully submitted,
26 Steven Graeper, acting Recording Secretary