

Rhododendron Water Association
2023 Annual Meeting
Saturday May 20, 2023
Immediately following Representative Helfrich's Town Hall
Approximately 1:00PM – 2:00PM
Mt. Hood Village RV Park
65000 E. Hwy 26
Welches, OR 97067

1 **PRESENT:** President, Steve Graeper; Vice President, Bob Phillips; Board Members, Mike
2 Miskowicz and John Young.
3 Others present: Executive Secretary, Laura Patty; Water Master, David Jacob.

4 **ABSENT:** Board Secretary, Merv Novinger; and Board Members, Bill Nylund and Molly
5 Espenel, all excused with previous notification.

6 **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

7 **Quorum Determination:**

8 Graeper determined a quorum was present for the meeting to proceed with 4 Board members
9 present.

10 **Welcome and Opening Remarks:**

11 President Steve Graeper opened the meeting at 1:08 PM. Graeper thanked everyone for attending
12 and introduced the Board members present. He also introduced Executive Secretary, Laura Patty
13 and Water Master, David Jacob.

14 **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

15 **Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**

16 Graeper explained that the minutes were previously distributed via email and listed on RWA's
17 website. He then asked for any corrections or amendments to the May 21, 2022 Annual Meeting
18 minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion. John Young moved and Mike Miskowicz
19 seconded a **motion to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes as distributed.** Motion
20 PASSED unanimously.

21 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURE'S REPORT**

22 **Review of 2022 Financials**

23 Executive Secretary, Laura Patty reported on the Year End Balance Sheet for 2022 and the
24 financials YTD for 2023. She explained that the 2022 financials are listed on the web site. There
25 were no questions,

26 **Account updates, billing changes**

27 None reported

28 **BUSINESS MEETING**

29 **RWA Financial Assistance Program**

30 Graeper reported that RWA has maintained a Bill Assistance program to help qualifying
31 members with water dues payments for several years. Bob Phillips and Bill Nylund oversee the
32 confidential program. Bob Phillips reported this year they have assisted three members with
33 water association dues payments.

34 The program is funded strictly by donated funds from the community.

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1 **WATER MASTER REPORT**

2 **2022 Consumer Confidence Report**

3 Water Master and Filtration Plant Operator, David Jacob, reported that once again RWA has
4 surpassed all minimum requirements for water quality standards. The 2022 Consumer
5 Confidence report is listed on the web site. The filtration plants continue to operate as designed
6 and he reported on the catastrophic failure of the 3” line under Highway 26 between Faubion and
7 Woodlands in April. That failure resulted in the systems first Boil notice in several years.

8 He also reported that the meter replacement program is proceeding on schedule.

9 Graeper then announced that due to David’s excellent work as Water-Master, the RWA has once
10 again gained the states recognition as an “Outstanding Performer”! As such, our water system
11 not only receives statewide recognition, we are also exempt from the state mandate of paying
12 \$900.00 for a Water System Survey every 3-years. As an “Outstanding Performer”, system
13 surveys are now once every 5 years, assuming we retain “Outstanding Performer” status.

14 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

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

16 Graeper stated that it is the board’s goal to continue operating the Rhododendron water system
17 above expectations. He thanked the current board and praised previous boards for their foresight
18 and efforts towards helping RWA achieve major accomplishments to date. He explained that
19 there continue to be system upgrades and improvements that need to be accomplished, but with
20 the boards guidance, those upgrades and improvements can be accomplished and afforded with
21 little disruption for our members.

22 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

23 Graeper emotionally presented a special recognition plaque and financial gift to long time RWA
24 Board member, Mr. Ralph Pitt. Pitt retired from the Board in January after serving over 60 years
25 on the Faubion and then the Rhododendron water boards. It was pointed out that it was Pitt’s
26 financial acumen that allowed RWA to move forward with many of the capital improvements
27 RWA enjoys today. Pitt gratefully accepted the honor and expressed his gratitude toward the
28 association for allowing him to serve and he thanked the current President and RWA Board for
29 their support.

30 **RESULTS OF BALLOTING**

31 **Director Election Results**

32 Executive Secretary Laura Patty reported the ballot results for the election of RWA Directors.
33 Steve Graeper and Mike Miskowicz were both re-elected for 3-year terms, and appointed Board
34 member, Molly Espenel, was ratified by the membership to serve the remaining balance of Ralph
35 Pitt’s term.

36 **MEMBER QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS**

37 Nothing noted.

38 **ADJOURNMENT**

39 President Graeper thanked everyone for attending the 2023 Annual meeting and adjourned at
40 1:36PM. The next RWA Annual Meeting will be held in May 2024.

41 Respectfully submitted,
42 Steven Graeper, acting Recording Secretary