

MANAGERS UPDATE

Joe DeCerbo

November 3, 2021

LANDOWNER ELECTION: Seat #1, currently held by Kay Gorham, is up for election. The term ends in November 2024

ENGINEERING ANNUAL REPORT: Attached to the Board packet. Gene will not be at our meeting, so if you have any questions feel free to contact him directly. He will be attending the November 11th reception if you need to see him personally.

PRIORITY PROJECTS: Due to the number of commercial projects considering the Rt. 98 corridor, we will have an agenda item at the December meeting for Utility staff to brief the Board. The development of a Succession Plan has been elevated to Priority One, and Bill Lawens and I have met several times to develop a draft document.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE: Lot mowing finally getting caught up, just now completing their fourth cycle. Pinedale project moving well, we now have 37 new customers. Pipes to complete Rt. 98 looping has arrived for start of that project. Water Plant bids currently being reviewed, and pre-construction meeting will be set. Lift station at Clubhouse being worked on due to deterioration of the wet well. Excavation Point and our staff correcting the problem.

SURPLUS LAND: Survey has been done, but written report and map is still being prepared. We have received a \$10,000 good faith deposit until the closing takes place.

COUNTY VACCINATION STATUS: There has been no action by the County Board, and it is not on the next agenda either. With lawsuits filed against Counties that have enacted a vaccination policy, I don't see Highlands moving in that direction.

FIBER OPTIC PROJECT: Several conference calls and zoom meetings with the County and other ARPA recipients took place. As with all grants, LOTS of policies and procedures to deal with, so I am having Corbett attend a Nov. 4th meeting in our office with the County Purchasing Director and the ARPA Coordinator.

(continued)

50TH CELEBRATION: After a very successful Festival, we anticipate a good crowd at the November 11 50th reception. Tickets are still available from Cindy. There is no formal program, but around 6:15 we will make some announcements and introduce various individuals, including our Board. There will be a table of District memorabilia, and six exhibitors will showcase their future projects

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION: Has been set for November 9, 9:30 a.m. While we have no requests, I will be making a presentation outlining the projects that have been completed and the development occurring thanks to their past support.

RPAC: After meeting with the County Administrator and the Director of the Tourist Development Council, it seems that funding for pickleball courts could be available from RPAC. As with the other projects we have received funding for, I will put something together for the November 18 RPAC meeting, and if we become an option for the committee, I will bring it back to the Board in December. I have noticed a lot more people using the courts, and several have inquired about expanding them. It has become quite popular. Cindy told me she can't remember the last time anybody played tennis.

SIGNAGE: When the new Neighborhood Watch signs were put up, the old No Solicitation signs were disposed of. New ones have now been put below the Watch signs at all the entrances. This was one of those oversights that fell thru the cracks!!

WORK ORDERS: In fiscal year '21 there were **1,281** work orders generated either on-line, by phone, or visits to the Office. 33 work orders were to request mosquito spraying; 21 for drainage or lot mowing; the remaining **1,227** were all for utilities. During our next budget process this figure will have a bearing on the personnel challenge we have moving forward with our utility expansion.

CAMERAS: Frequent problems with our existing surveillance management has led us to begin installing an updated, more responsive system within the next few months. Phase One will be the community center and playground area.

PUMP STATION: Repairs caused a lot of dirt and grime at the plant and staff have really done a great job in making it super clean. Call Randy to visit.