

ELS 5692 - Irrigators

Meeting Minutes – Approved

April 3, 2025

Present: Troy Van Houten
 Barbara Franek
 R. Daniel Fell
 Zack Mitchell
 Bob Nelson
 Matt White
 Damion Lowe
 Bethany Muffley-Ahlin
 Justin Ahlin

1. Call to Order

- April 3rd 2025 @ 6:07 pm at 4424 Alpine Street

2. Old Business

- 2024 meeting minutes approved with all in favor.
- 2024 season recap:
 - Garden Extension Improvement Project did impact irrigation activities during the 2024 water season. All pipe and boxes were replaced. Watermaster was diligent in making sure the contractors and superintendents of the project were replacing all the irrigation implements and ensuring they were installed properly and that they were quality products.

3. New Business

- Matt White reported that ACHD did not installed gates on the corner of Tabitha and Garden Street, and it is impacting those water users from accessing their appropriate amount of water. Justin indicated that ACHD agreed to do this so he would be bringing that to their attention to ensure they comply with the agreement they made with us.
- Account Balance: \$2,853.32 as of today.
- Website and Facebook group was voted to remain in operation for association and educational purposes.
- Insurance was voted on for purchase this year. Last year the cost was estimated at \$1,199 and Justin assumes the price will be similar for the 2025 season. If the total quoted for this year is considerably more than that amount, the association will be contacted for a vote.
- A discussion on open irrigation time slots relating to water user access was talked about at length. Matt White indicated that upstream users were taking all the water and not leaving any additional water for him to opportunistically water his own property during the open slots. Bethany indicated that water users are using the water and not taking the water when an open time slot is utilized. She

also indicated that if he felt like he needed more time to water, all he needs to do is have a discussion with the watermaster and an additional time slot could be allocated to him.

- User dues were discussed and a discussion on whether or not we needed to have a reserve amount available for unforeseen issues was necessary. After a lengthily discussion assessing the number of water users and the revenue generated at multiple dues amounts, the members voted 7 to 1 in favor that ELS Association dues remain at \$100 in 2025.
- Officer Elections: Members selected Justin and Bethany to resume duties as Watermaster, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - Members voted to continue watermaster compensation at \$2000 per season. Treasurer and Secretary compensation will stay at \$750.
- Justin requested funding on an improvement to repair the ditch bank at the corner of Garden and Alpine. It is slowly eroding out and he would like to use concrete to stabilize. Justin estimated that it would be \$25 dollar's worth of concrete that would be needed. Justin also indicated that someone had cut off our lock on the Ridenbaugh Canal and that would need to be replaced. The association agreed with all in favor.
- Areas to burn: Justin burned all needed areas.
- Water turn in is expected to occur on April 15th

4. Adjourned

- 6:48pm