

North Lauderdale Water Association

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ANNUAL ALL-MEMBER MEETING Thursday, 18 July 2024, 7:00 p.m. MINUTES

At the appointed hour of 7 p.m. and the announced location of Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church, director and president Todd "Ike" Kiefer welcomed the members in attendance to NLWA's 57th annual all-member meeting and opened with prayer.

Before commencing the formal proceedings, the President presented to the assembled members a plaque commissioned by the board to honor their departed fellow director, Cindy Ross. Cindy lost her battle with cancer only a few months after being re-elected at the previous annual meeting. The plaque will be presented to her husband.

Fifteen members in good standing were checked against the rolls, signed in, and participated in person. Additionally, 49 validated members in good standing participated via president proxy and 3 via member proxy. Having calculated the quorum of 1% of the members on the voter roll of 3,319 being 34, and having determined that 67 members were participating, the president declared a quorum.

President presented the agenda for the meeting.

President introduced himself, board members, employees, engineer, and attorney.

President presented proof of notification of the annual meeting and agenda in the form of water bills notes, Facebook posts, and IRIS automated alert calls, texts, and emails.

Member Victor Threatt moved to dispense with the formal reading of the minutes from the 2023 meeting. Member William Morris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

President delivered his annual report to the members on water and broadband operations and financial performance over the past year. Main points included:

- Net income of \$74,000 on gross revenue of \$2.7 million in the fiscal year ended 30 April 2023
- Faultless CY2023 drinking water quality / consumer confidence report
- MS Department of Health giving NLWA a bye this year after 9 consecutive annual perfect 5.0 management scores

- Major project in work is a document audit and conversion to digital records. This is cause of many members being contacted to provide missing or updated documents.
- Ongoing line replacement capital project in leak-prone areas
- Association recently awarded a \$2 million ARPA grant to be used to improve water pressure for the Plant 4 service area comprising 1,573 served properties, over 4,000 residents, 3 public schools, 3 churches, Briarwood Club, and the Van Zyverden plant. This is the last remaining low-pressure area in the system. It will be brought up to match the pressure of the rest of the system by installing a new, larger, and taller tank.
- North Lauderdale Wireless Internet, the Association's broadband system, remains self-sustaining and continues to serve more than 100 households.
- A draft copy of the annual audited financial report was made available to members at the meeting and has been posted online, with the final version to follow once received from the CPA.
- NLWA board continues to facilitate the de-annexation effort of Parcel 1, with 550 petition signatures now collected. President enumerated the difference between the City's promised services and its actual services. Also explained that MS State Code has a provision for residents to form their own public improvement district and provide their own services, and that this path had passed muster in consultation with an attorney specializing in annexation matters.

There was no unfinished business.

The President opened the floor for member comments and new business.

The final agenda item was the election of one director. The board nominated member and interim director Lance Price for election to a three-year term. Lance introduced himself to the members. No more nominations were made. Member William Morris moved to close the floor to nominations. Member Victor Threatt seconded. Member Kevin Salvo moved to vote by acclamation. Member William Morris seconded. The nominee was elected by unanimous acclamation.

President adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Board of Directors:

Todd "Ike" Klefer (President)

Paul Goldman (Vice President)

John Lamberth (Secretary/Treasurer)

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