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Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) Monthly
Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
September 3, 2026

In attendance:

Brett Taber (Commissioner)
Mark Przybyla (Commissioner)
Josh Poff (Commissioner)
Carolyn Renken (Treasurer)
Lorinda Giarrusso (District Clerk)

Other people in attendance:

Melissa Taber
Bow Smith

Roll call of officials completed. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Commissioner Przybyla. We had a quorum.

Public Comments:

Melissa Taber asked if we could put money, in next year's Budget, to specifically go towards roadside trimming. Some of the roads are so bad that you can only do a one-car pass and many of the side roads are very overgrown.

Melissa Taber then asked, what does it say in Bow's contract as far as how often he is checking the roads?

Commissioner Przybyla stated "his actual contract says every two (2) days every other week for a total of 40 days. I did see him out this week. He has been out here, a lot, as he has been helping Aquaman with the meter pits. He is also already placing sand in preparation for winter. I spoke to Bow, today. He's been doing more than just the loop; he has been in the District. We are coming up to Fall, and we will be scheduling a full grading, and we will be getting a timeline.

Commissioner Poff asked Melissa if there was a particular road she was concerned about? Melissa Taber stated she recently walked down Winter and there are a number of washouts on the road.

LABOR DAY:

Commissioner Przybyla stated Labor Day is coming, and we will have a large influx of seasonal people. I believe it will be helpful to provide our Rules & Regulations again regarding Parking and Beaches. The Commissioners agreed. David has posted them.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Water Meter Project:

Commissioner Przybyla stated this State-approved Project still has a lot of work to do. Commissioner Taber stated he had a discussion with Wright Pierce to understand the support that they can offer. We need to submit the Final Acceptance Application if we retain them for that portion of the service, right now, the \$1.425 million that the Project funds are for, the State recognizes 50% loan forgiveness. The sooner this gets done, as we've already had voting approval, the sooner the State and Governor's Counsel can get that on the list, to approve that, and ultimately, we can start the Project at that point. Doing work ahead of the time, on this Project, other than some limited engineering, is not necessarily covered until it is fully approved and we can't really buy anything. **We** need to focus on the Application and getting that initiated with the State then we can go through what Wright Pierce has offered for support. They have offered bid specs or however we want to apply this. They can send it out to bid to vendors; whether the vendors that supply the meters and the reading systems offer or if they have the ability for installations, they may or may not have that. They may simply be the supplier of components. Whomever signs up for the portion of the installation bidding - it would be their time and labor as well as additional and external components (not the meters and readers), but every single fitting and piping, expansion tank and check valves and everything else that goes with the process. They will review every single fitting and piping of that process. They can coordinate this. They can coordinate the admin with NHDES, to any of the Contractors. The more or little amount of doing this will dictate how far the pricing goes. The original pre-application was roughly 10% or \$190,000.00

towards Engineering with limited interaction as we've done much of the prep. work ahead of time. I believe that value will be less.

Commissioner Taber stated not necessarily signing up with an Agreement with them, until the funding is fully approved. The sooner we can get going the sooner we are ahead of the game when the next calendar year gets started. In order to save some Engineering costs, we could:

1. Reach out to vendors that we've had quotes from over the last five (5) years. We can see if they want to sharpen their pencils on bids.
2. As soon as the Agreement is signed, at that point, sign an Agreement with that vendor. With 550 units, order the parts and go from there while we figure out Contractor to do installs. It's potentially 1-3 years. The biggest challenge is that this work has to be done in evening hours as you establish appointments with residents and they are working during the day and that's when the installers are more readily available during the day.
3. Continuing to figure out a financial model on the Project.
4. Working out procedures - new Rules & Regulations
5. Agreements or separation of Agreement with the Town of Hillsboro and understanding their billing procedures and lien process.

It's a full scope of procedures and rules and regulations. These need to be developed before a new billing process can be implemented. Definitely 1-2 years to streamline these.

Commissioner Przybyla asked where should we start with this?

Commissioner Taber stated that we need to ask Wright Pierce - on our General Budget, on the water system, is there any miscellaneous Engineering support to help to finish filling out the Application so we can make sure everything is dotted and crossed. Once that is submitted and submitted to the State and goes to Governor's Counsel, then that will give them time to develop the scope for miscellaneous engineering support - whether it's bids or bid specs or construction administrative. If we use them for RPR, it's \$150.00/hour vs. some of us doing periodic home inspections ourselves, to see what the installers did with the homeowners, to see what they did (maybe do it quarterly) which will keep costs down. This is one BIG way to keep engineering costs down by not having an on-site person. If we can get the Application done within 2-3 months, we would be doing very well. I can check with Wright Pierce to see if there are any funds still available for miscellaneous support. If we do, I recommend that we move forward for them to do this work for us. If we don't, then at the next meeting we'll have to make a Motion to enter into a small-value Engineering Report.

Bow Smith from Smith Earth Solutions spoke. He is our Road Contractor. He wanted to give us an update on the District. He stated we've had a lot of rain and wear and tear which impedes his progress. He tries to stop in every other week. He has been working on the Main Loop has the most use, but it keeps deteriorating. A couple of other roads, we have been maintaining regularly as well as pothole repairs.

Bow stated he brought a list of four (4) culverts which need to be replaced. He brought rough estimates of labor and materials required. He still needs to hear back from Henniker Stone with their updated prices. He also stated he has started staging winter sand in prep for winter. He used two (2) pallets of calcium chloride laying down their treatment on 8 ½ roads, in total, last month. He did review Hummingbird Beach and stated the repairs are holding up well. The Board agreed.

Bow identified areas that need attention:

1. **Pine Glen** – Bow reported that he spoke with a Resident, today, about cleaning out the end of the culvert that had been backed up. “It’s still in pretty bad shape”. He moved the brush out of the way and opened it up. The culvert was blocked.

About 50% of the culverts need to be cleaned. “There is more to do. There is a lot of regressed progress. The last time I did them, a lot of the inlets are very tight”. He wants to re-establish some of the inlets so we have a better collection of the water. A lot of it is missing the culverts and going off the watershed on some of the roads. Commissioner Taber stated he ran a line from the outlet side and either hit the culvert that is crushed or was hitting a boulder or something. We need to drain out the culvert, but it is all the way up to the surface of the roadway. It’s already flooding out to the road and with heavy rains it’s already eroding the road. Bow stated this was replaced 3-4 years ago; we replaced the first culvert on Gould. There is a massive drop. The inlet should be lower than the outlet. It is higher. It drains away and when that water line was replaced ten (10) years ago, it was excavated under the culvert. Underneath, there is a compaction issue and/or settling. It swoops where it has settled and that is why there are different heights. It has a jog (dip). This is why it has deteriorated. Bow stated he had gone down about 11 feet and Commissioner Taber stated he went down about 20-25 feet.

Bow explained - Each culvert is 1 ½ days to complete. \$2300.00/day. Two (2) guys, excavator, dump truck; transfer control (cones and signage) hand tools, such as shovels, rakes, laser, compactors and a piece of equipment to reload staging materials and crushed material as they work. It would be a day rate for an eight (8) hour day without travel. These are the priorities as I have explained.

2. **Huntington** - Bow considers this the **#1 priority** due to the road becoming narrowed up. It was destroyed and heavily damaged years ago. from a storm. It currently has 12” aluminum. I was going to spec with a 16” poly. - 28 feet (2 sticks of pipe to be put in). It would be beneficial to not replace it, the way it is, but to add a couple of feet to it so the watershed can get past the telephone pole, which is eroding on the outlet side, and it would allow it to have the inlet a little bit more into the ditch line vs. recessing into the road.

This would be a 2-day replacement with temporary roadblocks during that time.

Commissioner Taber stated that the Huntington culvert has a slight angle to it. By the rules, you have limited change of placement that can occur. Are you thinking of an increase in angle will give you what you need for directional or more of ninety (90) degrees to the roadway with a different catch basin for collection of water? I don't want to erode the resident's driveway that is lower.

Bow Smith stated – my opinion is to reduce taking any extra land away from residents and carrying the culvert upstream of the inlet side. (increase the angle) and rebuild with riprap at the resident's property. That would be a good silt protector and maintain to a slight angle. He is presuming that something in the road is not movable. (possibly a stump or boulder).

3. **Emerald by Midnight Walk**. Bow stated that this is the 2nd highest priority. This is not 100% blocked but it is not 100% functional. Commissioner Taber reported that the lake side has 15" poly and on the District side (roadway side) is galvanized, and the last section is crushed. With sediment and material and everything in there, there is NO flow. "The other half will need poly to have a full flow and some sort of riprap catch basin on the inlet side to minimize the vegetation going in there and minimize and prevent the erosion going into the resident's yard. Historically, this area does have a lot of ground water in this area. "Recently, this year, it's been dryer". Bow stated it's always wet in the Spring at the corner. Bow stated that the roadways have been widened due to culvert leaks, and it seemed to him to increase the width of the road without increasing the length of the culverts. This is a prime example where I think we should add rocks to build up an extension to it. With that being said, (with the amount of traffic it has) I would suggest replacing it with another stick instead of just doing a patch repair. For the price, we'll already have the road shut down for a day, day-in-a-half, and it's going to be opened up with an open connection and for the inlet and outlet cleaning and installing of the other section. I expect that to be replaced with a 16" because it was a 10" steel that collapsed on the inlet side. I did the math at 35 feet. I can put it in for safety. You're already at 2 full sticks. Probably also a stick ¼ to finish the repair but it will be beneficial because you'll have two (2) more connections.
4. **Seminole** – This is flooding and has flooded over many times, and it is the closest culvert to Gould Pond Road. It is tremendously under-spec'd compared to the previous flow at Deerpoint which was replaced three (3) years ago. Commissioner Taber stated that there is a high and low one. To your point, they are like 8 or 10". With the volume coming thru there, it would probably need two (2) 16" if not (2) 24"s to sustain a tremendous amount of

water, so we don't have flooding in that area. My suggestion is to increase it with two (2) culverts. The road has been washed out many times.

5. **Boulder & Emerald** – This has a collapsed headwall (metal on the outside). I am unsure of where it goes to. It is very steep and there is NO TRESSPASSING sign. We will need to discuss this with the property owner before anything is done just so they're aware of something being replaced. This clean up will take a ½ day to 2 days rate. It will require boulders out, riprap, install (inlet and outlet) - a full rip-out. We will need to re-do the wall. We will need rocks for the headwall and utilize some boulders. 26 feet, roughly. Commissioner Taber asked Bow, "do you intend to do a headwall with rocks and boulders we have, or will you need waste block? Bow responded that we will not need waste block. I believe natural rock would be the most suitable. Regarding the headwall, I do feel the use of riprap is required like the one we did at Winter, last year. The riprap will stabilize an area that is very unstable. This headwall is holding up very well.
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Commissioner Taber stated that regarding the catch basins and the swale areas - we can communicate with the residents to do our best to maximize the right-of-way portion which then sustains the road at its widest portion so we're not losing any into the roadway. Bow stated that he felt the most important thing was to restore the appropriate width so it doesn't become a catchall which will help traffic. Bow stated, " the biggest time will be to restore the damages to the resident's property that the erosion has created in every culvert. This is the goal. Commissioner Taber agreed. Bow stated he had come up with a list of materials. Commissioner Taber stated we have the following materials:

- a. 15's – 35-60 feet.
- b. 12's – 2 sticks or 1 ½.
- c. 24s – 1 or 1 ½.
- d. Basically, one (1) culvert of 15.
- e. Two (2) loads of crushed gravel (1 ½") Two (2) loads of stone for each culvert replacement. (stone for bedding and backfilling, and a load of gravel replacement for riprap).

We have extra in our current inventory, in our yard and it is virgin and unused. Commissioner Taber stated we also have some up at Patten Hill. (3/4 stone and a small pile of riprap).

Bow reported that our dump site is extremely overfilled. He brought over the loader and made some room. He pushed back all the brush and trees. He spent a couple of hours there so we could at least have an outlet. Commissioner Taber asked if the full-size

timber was still there? Bow responded that he pushed it off. Bow also reminded the Board the Yard is not owned by the District and it is important that we keep it in safe condition, especially because it is used as a bus stop.

Bow Smith reported that there is more ditching that needs to be done. There will be more required to be done than we can do this year. People asked not to have ditches done on their property and they had concerns. Bow stated he has been using a couple of different options so the necessary road work will not impede traffic more than necessary. Commissioner Taber told Bow, "Let us know who the residents are that have been communicating to you that they don't want you to touch their properties and then we will reach out to them to explain that we are trying to prevent any road erosions. We can have those discussions and diffuse those situations so you can keep on working. Commissioner Taber stated that we have the five (5') foot Right of Way and residents need to understand if we need it, for necessary protection, repairs and maintenance on the roads, we will take it, but we would like to talk to them.

Bow stated he is working around resident's flowers. There is severe overgrowth. Commissioner Taber stated that earlier in tonight's meeting, we would be reaching out on our Budget and planning how best to handle overgrowth and trimmings needed. Bow stated he has reached out to other towns. There are some options for roadside mowing that don't require an excavator to mow. Previously, I believed we had a line item for Excavator for \$3500.00. 4 ½ miles was done, and it was extremely overgrown. There is the ability to still have that option but there are also some services which I can explain (I'll have to get the contracts). Roadside mowing with a tractor is \$100.00-\$120.00/hour – one (1) day minimum. The State uses skid-steer motors which I feel would be inappropriate. The cost of an excavator, which can get into difficult areas, with a mower is \$120.00 - \$170.00/hour which shows the difference in rates. Vegetation, branches, and trees will become a next year thing. I recommend an off-set side mower. I believe it would be very beneficial and give us good mileage. We can improve visibility and safety. We all know that winter is approaching. Commissioner Przybyla said that permitting would have to be by notification.

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6. **Huntington/Emerald-** Commissioner Taber said he is inclined to authorize moving forward on this and get whatever permits we may need, submitted and check on the timing. Would it not be done for 30-40 days? Bow stated that he can order the materials and then he can schedule with his crews to do the installs the last week of September – first week of October. In October, we'll be doing road grading which will be our big focus. Bow stated he will try and squeeze us in before road grading so we're not ripping up the new grading by using an excavator tracking on it. We have the ability to leaf blow off the leaf if the foliage drops early. If we do have to push it out a week. I believe we have everything needed to do one culvert section so we would only need to buy two (2) sticks.

Commissioner Taber stated that 15-18 has been the standard, not 12. Our Rules currently state that we need a 12 minimum for driveways, but we need to make a

change from the 12 to a 15 minimum simply because off flow and silt clogging it up. It should make the culverts last a lot longer.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** authorizing the two culvert replacements for installs at Huntington and Emerald. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Commissioner Przybyla stated that when the Emerald culvert is being worked on, he would notify the buses and give them a week's notice. Bow Smith stated that previously, he has let Police Dispatch know, also, and he will again.

Commissioner Taber stated we can stage at the Pit, in advance, or deliver (Henniker) to the pit. He also reminded the Board that he will need to reach out to the property owners in advance. (4 property owners). Commissioner Przybyla stated the blue house is on the market and currently vacant. Bow reminded everyone there will be temporary road closures. Bow said we can plan for the first week of October.

Commissioner Przybyla asked Bow to look at Winter Road and tell us what is needed for necessary repairs. We have been informed there are many wash-outs. He said he would.

ADDITIONAL EASTMAN WELL PILOTING:

Commissioner Przybyla stated he received the Proposal from Wright Pierce for additional piloting at Eastman well. I went through the proposal. He stated it is very similar to the one in June. BlueLeaf – where I stand on it. I asked Chris some questions. Basically, we are starting from scratch and would have to review all the other options on top of the media. We already know that the other one is not feasible due to longevity issues. It works – it takes the water level quality down to meeting standards, but we can't be replacing media, financially, every week. We've expended \$300,000.00 of the \$350,000.00 which was approved in 2020. We must get this done but do we explore the other two options?

Commissioner Taber stated that one option is cheaper than the other one, but both are more expensive than with our original concept testing. The green sand has been tested. The options are as follows:

1. Biologic – needs a collection pond developed and piping from that.
2. Membrane– I have not seen a set-up of it. We will have to find companies that do it.

Depending on the test results that we come up with our specific water source, the suggested approach can offer us a site to visit with these chemicals instead of touring with these particular types of treatments. Wright Pierce says we have options BUT we don't know an estimated cost. It could be \$400,000.00 or \$2,000,000.00! Yes, funds

are still available with our loan but in order to 100% test all available options, (that were missed in the beginning), it is still unknown. “So yes, we test and do our desired work with Wright Pierce and BlueLeaf to get this testing done before winter sets in. We take 200-500 gallons of water out of the well, once we cycle it and put it through, and take it to the lab so they wouldn’t have to worry about temperatures here. Originally, they said they could have it done within thirty (30) days. I don’t know if that schedule would fit now.

Melissa Taber asked, “when is enough is on this issue with the well?” Would it be easier to find another well?

Commissioner Taber stated that a new well could be another \$300,000.00, if we can even find one, find a property and then we’d have to buy the property to do that and there is no guarantee that it would be treatable or not treatable. “. With this testing that would cost \$23,000.00, they are telling us the treatment would last many years. If we wash our hands and walk away, and spend no more money on it, we have no more chance to seek out or develop a source and we would have to seek out funds for another \$5,000,000.00 OR tie-into Henniker or Hillsboro which could cost \$6,000,000.00. It goes up every year, and we’d be buying water from Hillsboro. Right now, we use 26 million gallons a year.

Commissioner Przybyla stated that if none of the options are feasible, we have to find out especially so we can finally get out of the source water violation. We need to cut our losses. We have other wells to review. Do we need to dig or drill wells deeper? We have to either rehab them or abandon them.

Commissioner Taber stated that regarding the original loan for Source Water Development – we still have funds available. We would not have to take out additional funds. Commissioner Poff asked, could funds be used towards something else? Commissioner Taber stated we’ve already expended funds. The funds and buffer funds they already gave us were originally used for an assigned amount. The funds left are sitting as unexpended funds.

Commissioner Taber stated that we need to investigate the options Wells 6 & 9 in the future for improvements. We can speak to these at a later time.

Commissioner Przybyla stated that there is a lot of money invested. We’ve spent so much money, you don’t want to abandon it BUT looking at the history, it’s taken so long and we have to keep this moving. We have residential frustration. We’ve been on the source water violation for years.

Commissioner Poff asked, what's going on with Wells 6 & 9?

Commissioner Taber stated, currently, as of today, they are dry and not producing. Well 6 is not producing and is reduced in performance. In 2000, we used to get 250 gallons a minute capacity across all of our wells and now it's 50/60 gallons/minute across all five (5) wells.

1. Well 6 has a new pump as of 3-4 years ago. as that was what was said was wrong with it. We put in the new pump, but it was coming out of Well 11 (two straws in the same bucket, different depths) – the Aquafer wasn't down enough so it's not producing and is dry.
2. Well 7, 8 and 9 – 3 straws in a common area.
3. Well 8 – leaks in the syphon tube. We replaced the pump and replaced the tubes and all of a sudden, it improved 100% then, Well 9 went dead. Water couldn't get to the height in the aquafer. It doesn't mean any of the veins through the bedrock, over the several years, have grown closed with minerals or vegetation or whatever it is, but we just need to be able to inspect and treat or frac these wells to get them operational. A common aquifer – will it damage the other wells? It's unknown right now. I don't know enough about it.

This year, there is money left in the Budget. There's money left in our current Budget right now, if we wanted to spend money to get a full analysis. We didn't get the \$45,000.00 funding that Wright Pierce had submitted for which would have analyzed both wells, but ELVD was not selected and we could have had a presentation as to how we move forward and how to get them repaired with them or abandoning them. We do have it in this year's operating Budget. We will need to find out if companies do this in the Fall or wintertime. These are the options and simultaneously looking at that with funds that are currently available. Those two (2) Wells are not part of our permitted volume. They are grandfathered. If they start producing again, that supports us and doesn't count against our source water capacity challenges. It's a benefit to us if they can produce.

Commissioner Przybyla stated that many well companies reporting have to drill deeper to try and see because wells are going dry. We will have to look at drilling companies.

Commissioner Poff asked, wouldn't it make sense to spend \$23,000.00 on wells we know were working and giving us water we can use vs. other wells that could cost \$300,000.00-\$400,000.00. "The cost is outrageous". It seems we've been asking for five years.

Commissioner Taber stated that the volume could be ten million/year if it works if it can be treated. All companies we've spoken with have stated these would be our last options. This was not investigated originally.

Melissa Taber asked. Why don't we investigate the wells. Why didn't we do it before?

Commissioner Taber stated – I already brought up tonight. We could say - \$45,000 to abandon two wells to just cap them off. We are seeking a positive answer, but we might get a negative answer for both options. There is never a guarantee on a well-site being drilled and accepted.

Commissioner Przybyla – can we do expeditiously? If their schedules are open, by the time we submit the signed Agreement, they may be able to get us results within 45 days; if their schedule is full - 90 days. Ultimately, the goal is to have answers before the end of the Calendar Year?

Commissioner Taber stated that we have funding on the Meetinghouse Project until 2028. We don't want to wait until 2028, and we must ask for numerous extensions. We can plan it out in next year's Budget. There is still about \$1,000,000 left on the Meetinghouse Treatment Project. If it falls in line with our guidelines regarding costs, we are already authorized. If we go over that, we will need to build in a bigger plan for funding. If we know the figures, we can seek out additional funds at the Annual Meeting. Anything longer than the end of this calendar year does not work for timelines.

Commissioner Poff asked what was the \$45,000.00 referenced earlier. Commissioner Taber stated the Wright Pierce submitted a Grant Application with a proposed 50% match. We would have put up \$15,000.00 and the Grant would have been \$30,000.00. We can still do that while they're testing Eastman.

Commissioner Poff stated that if we do all three (3) it could be better news instead of putting all our eggs in one (1) bucket.

Commissioner Taber stated if Wells 6 & 8 improve, replenishment will be back to where it needs to be. What method is going to work? How much? (That's what the funds were originally developed for - SOURCE WATER DEVELOPMENT).

Commissioner Przybyla stated that we have run up against the clock. We are up a creek without a paddle. It's worth exploring both by the end of the calendar year and figuring out what are our options to get out of the source water violation?

Commissioner Taber stated – worst case, they could potentially fine us up to \$4,000.00/day. They've been patient with us because they know we are trying. Commissioner Przybyla stated we should reach out to Drilling companies. Do we need approval from NHDES? Do we need engineering interaction? Can they get this to us before the end of the calendar year. If they can't, we can get someone else!

Commissioner Poff stated that if we have the Budget, we should do at least one option and one (1) well. Commissioner Taber stated that because this is a public drinking

water system, we will probably have to have approval from NHDES before we do any work. We may need engineering support, and we can't do it without the State's approval. Commissioner Przybyla stated we should do these simultaneously.

Commissioner Taber stated that the State wants us to abandon Wells.

Commissioner Przybyla stated that we need to make up our mind what we are going to do. Commissioner Poff asked, what if all three (3) options end up being a NO?

Commissioner Taber stated we'd have to ask – do we have to get new quotes, so we have to do inter-connect? We have six (6) miles left to do on infrastructure. We already have \$3,000,000.00 in Budgets.

Commissioner Taber stated, Ideally, having three (3) options to show our efforts that we are trying to identify source water options for us that would be a benefit:

- a. Submit an Agreement for the wells.
- b. As soon as we submit Agreement, set up installs as soon as we can.
- c. On Well 6 & 9, do we need an Engineering Report or can we direct ourselves? We need to do instructions and provide feedback.

Commissioner Przybyla said we can't sit on this. We must go forward. They have to do whatever it takes to get this done. Commissioner Taber suggested telling them "That we need it before we move forward authorizing any payments if they don't meet this deadline.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to enter into an Agreement with Wright Pierce and BlueLeaf for final pilot testing in the amount of \$23,000.00. Commissioner Poff **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

METER PIT INSTALLS:

Commissioner Taber reported that both pits are physically in the ground. The one on Melody and Huntington the ground is still opened up. They are looking for pipe, and will set one portion tomorrow, and the roadway is being opened to traffic for the long weekend and then the roadway will be back next week to finish the piping installs for both sides.

HUMMINGBIRD TREATMENT:

Commissioner Taber reported that this Project is currently on hold. We are waiting for the VFD (variable frequency device – controller for 3-phase pump) to arrive. We are also waiting for the final payments to be submitted to the State. It might be a month for the State to reimburse us. I propose that funds in our account be paid to Wickson in the amount of \$48,942.79 so they can start moving on the rest of the Project and when the

State sends us our reimbursement, it can stay with us because it will all be taken care of already.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to pay funds to Wickson Construction (Application #7) in the amount of \$48,942.79. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

OTHER:

Commissioner Taber told the Board that a Change Order had been submitted by Wright Pierce assumed that a manual process would not be sufficient for the SCADA. They are telling us we need to add two (2) outlet boxes, conduits from the filters, up overhead into the electrical room, and four (4) pieces of wire and they want to charge us \$4,000.00 to do it. For now, we will keep the manual process and follow up with Kyle @ IOLTA. It doesn't have to go through the attic. We can mount to the ceiling if need be. It would be \$3,500.00 plus the contractor's mark-up(s). We could probably do it ourselves for \$1,000.00. I am not inclined to accept the above-referenced Change Order. Commissioner Przybyla and Commissioner Poff agreed. He will respond to Wright Pierce tomorrow.

Commissioner Taber stated that Aquaman sent in an Annual Maintenance Quote for partnership with HACH for chlorine analyzers for \$5,031.00 for the year. (9/1 - 8/30). This is for two (2) preventative maintenance and any equipment:

1. PH
2. MH

The quote will stand and will be active if we accept it. "We need to accept it".

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to pay Aquaman's HACH Service Partnership Agreement in the amount of \$5,031.00 which runs from 9/1/2026-8/31/2027. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Audit Report:

Commissioner Taber asked if the other Commissioners had a chance to review it. He reported that he prepared the MS535 that needs to be submitted to the DRA. He left a draft of the MS535 for the Commissioners. This closes finances out to be able to set the tax rate. The sooner to approve the better. Commissioner Przybyla said he will review and asked if it could be discussed at the next meeting. The answer was "yes". Commissioner Taber stated that before he sends it to the DRA, we will need to fully sign it, and we understand the full results.

Capital Reserve Fund Reimbursement:

1. Dam Maintenance: \$130.00
2. Beach Restoration: \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00

Commissioner Taber reported that the Trustees will be meeting on September 11th and at the end of the year. It was decided by all Commissioners to review before the end of the year, not tonight.

Trust Fund:

The Application is due the 24th of this month if we wish to apply for it for a Loan or Grant. The \$1.425 million Water Meter Project will probably be pretty close to the assumed price. We may have:

1. \$200.00 - \$500.00 – components.
2. \$200,000.00 – miscellaneous hardware

I don't know if it makes sense to apply now just to throw something out there or should we apply next year when we see what the actual costs will be and then reapply for money, we might need in 2028. We don't know what the interest rates will be? It was decided by all Commissioners that we would hold off for submission and re-visit next year as a stand-alone Request.

APPROVE 8/20 2026 MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Przybyla **MADE A MOTION** to approve the 8/20/26 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Taber **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

At 8:22 PM, Commissioner Przybyla moved a motion to enter non-public session under statute (site the actual RSA details), and Commissioner Taber seconded the motion. A voice vote was held with the following results: Commissioner Przybyla - yes; Commissioner Taber - yes; Commissioner Poff - yes. The board moved into non-public session at 8:23 PM

The board exited non-public session at 8:46 PM.
Commissioner Przybyla moved to seal the non-public minutes for 6 months or until resolved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taber. A voice vote was held on

the motion with the following results: Commissioner Przybyla - yes; Commissioner Taber - yes; and Commissioner Poff - yes. Motion passed

Commissioner Przybyla shared that he recently spoke with the Town of Hillsboro Police Department regarding how they wished to be notified if any towing were to occur in ELVD. Currently no towing has occurred but if it is needed, the board wanted to coordinate with the Police department. Their request was to advise Dispatch so that if an incident occurred and an owner called, the Police would be aware of it beforehand.

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Przybyla moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taber; all commissioners voted yes. Meeting was adjourned

SUBMITTED BY BRETT TABER, COMMISSIONER OF ELVD

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:48 PM.

----- Brett Taber, Commissioner	----- Date:
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----- Mark Przybyla, Commissioner	----- Date
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----- Josh Poff, Commissioner	----- Date
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Respectfully submitted by Lorinda Giarrusso, District Clerk.

----- Lorinda Giarrusso District Clerk	----- Date
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