

2023 Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 24, 2023 10:00 a.m.

9710 SW Windmill St https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5160276420

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome Darton Riely-Gibbons

2. President's Report Darton Riely-Gibbons

3. Operator and Manager's Report Dave Stoltz

4. Committee Reports and Discussion

a. Water Production Committee

b. Planning & Capital Improvements

c. Finance Committee:

Proposed 2023-24 Budget

Membership Fee Change

Rate Changes

Paul Witherspoon

April Wilkinson

Todd Currie

5. Ballot Results

a. Board of Directors Election

b. Proposed budget, 2022/2023

Clint Douthit

Darton Riely-Gibbons

6. Adjourn

Dave Stoltz, Manager and Operator of Record
Board of Directors (2022-2023): Darton Riely-Gibbons, President; April Wilkinson, Vice President; Todd
Currie, Treasurer; Clint Douthit, Secretary; Susan Boyle; Sam Wildfong; and Paul Witherspoon.

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Message from the Vice President:

The Dockton Water Association (DWA) is investing in the future! After much time and effort, we are nearing completion of our Small Water System Management Plan (SWSMP). An early draft of the plan is currently available on the DWA website (docktonwater.org) and we hope to have the final version posted soon. The SWSMP will be our guiding document and is a critical component for upcoming grant and loan applications to pursue capital projects over the next 6-8 years. As we all know, life (and construction!) can be unpredictable, but each project on our draft timeline is intended to increase access and improve the resilience of the system for all DWA members.

In the upcoming year, we hope to make considerable progress on two projects:

- New wells at Dockton Springs: We will replace approximately 5-10 well points at Dockton Springs with deeper wells. The new wells will increase water production, decrease maintenance and dramatically reduce the risk of surface water intrusion and contamination (including reduced risk of saltwater intrusion due to rising sea levels).
- New main and pressure release valve (PRV) to lower Sandy Shores: A new, larger water main and new PRV will replace aging, inaccessible equipment. The new main hopefully will be relocated to run alongside SW 275th St instead of its current route down the hill through privately owned property, and the new PRV placed near the intersection of SW 275th St and Sandy Shores Dr SW.

Future projects will focus on replacing mains with larger pipes for improved flow (important for fire protection) and expanding the system to areas not currently served by DWA.

Dave Stoltz, Angie Kelly and Skylar Hornick continue their exemplary work to keep DWA running daily. We are especially pleased that Skylar recently completed training and passed the tests to become a certified Water Distribution Manager I, making him our official back-up operator. Clean water reliably flows to our homes thanks to these three folks.

I'd also like to thank our current Board of Directors - Susan Boyle, Todd Currie, Clint Douthit, Darton Reily-Gibbons, Sam Wildfong and Paul Witherspoon - for their volunteer efforts on behalf of DWA. We invite all DWA members to join us for the annual Shareholders Meeting in June and monthly Board meetings. Your input is vital to the future of our water system.

-April Wilkinson, Vice President

Message from the Treasurer:

Financially, your water company has been "flowing" along a fairly smoothly this year. Our price increase in the Water Usage Rate is helping us meet most of the inflation impact that we expected. However, some items, especially clorine, fuel and insurance, are markedly higher than planned. We've also taken on additional costs to complete our Small Water System Management Plan (in particular a Hydraulic Testing/Modeling of our system), scrubbing our water towers, and removing nuisance trees. But Dave and his crew are keeping a tight rein on other costs and we are forecasting to finish the year close to plan.

In the Budget for next year, that you'll receive with the Annual Meeting Ballot next month, you'll see that we are expecting continued upward pressure on our Operations costs, including an overdue wage adjustment for our staff. This, along with the need to more rapidly build up our Capital Reserves for essential investments, has the Board considering rate Increases that will be announced following the Board's April meeting.

As you may have heard, the Board also decided that it was more than time for the Association to reset its Membership Fee. The increased fee applies to future members and only existing members that are obtaining a new, additional water share. During the meeting we'll vote how to best handle the rare situation when a member wants to relinquish their membership along with the associated water share.

You can learn more about Rate Changes and Share Prices on our website (<u>docktonwater.org</u>). This information will be updated as decisions are made. Plus, on a quarterly basis we publish our current year financial results -- always an interesting read! ;>) Don't hesitate to contact me or Dave with any questions you have about our financial situation.