

DALE BASIN WELL OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Location: Wonder Valley Community Center

Date: 11/13/2021

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Topics Discussed:

Fall Membership Meeting

1. The meeting was called by President Steve Reyes who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation.
2. Secretary/ Treasurer Reeyna Daniel gave the Financial Report which was approved as read.
3. Current President Steve Reyes announced his official resignation in lieu of his new role as a Morongo Basin field representative for Supervisor Dawn Rowe. A call for the election of a new President of the DBWOA was made.
4. Jeff Barret (Media) debuted the official DBWOA website.
 - a. <https://www.dalebasinwellowners.org/>
5. Jim Copeland delivered a detailed presentation on the geological history of the Wonder Valley aquifer and steps to protect it. Jim also discussed our road grading program and community engagement past and current.

Subcommittee Meetings (Spring/Summer 2021)

1. Discussion of the history of previous Wonder Valley associations (Fire Department, Citizens Alliance for Wonder Valley, American Legion, Wonder Valley Hiking Club) and identifying the Well Owners Association as the only remaining community based organization in Wonder Valley.
2. How can the DBWOA (subcommittee) be a platform to help address illegal marijuana grows in Wonder Valley?
 - a. Estimate number of wells in Wonder Valley: 500 – 1200.
 - b. Any new structure being built or a cabin converted to residential usage may require a well to be added.
3. An increase of roughly 16% water consumption in the Twentynine Palms Water District year over year and an increase of 29% in April over the previous month.

4. Transitioning of the board from Max and Olivia to the new board members, including updating WOA banking information.
5. Increasing the number of board members from 3 to 6 as per the bylaws and possibly separating the role of Secretary and Treasurer. Also discussed the challenges of separating the role of Treasurer and Secretary and getting all the all the members together for quorum,
6. New Board Members-Jeff Barrett offered to provide website development services and creating an official position on the board as the social media manager.
7. Organizing activities to counter theft in their neighborhood.
8. Review of the old DBWOA mission statement and plans for the Development of a code of ethics
9. Increase meetings from twice a year to quarterly, add subcommittee meetings every 2 months, host open house meetings for new member recruitment, incorporate zoom meetings to accommodate people who cannot meet in person.

Minutes submitted by: Reeyna Daniel