



Minutes from the Friends of Atascadero Lake Board Meeting October 9, 2023

Present: Don Lyngé, Nancy Lyngé, Bob Edmonds, David Savoy, Ron Blackwood, Nancy Hair.

Absent: Barbara Combs, Mark Hontz, Kathy Hontz. Guests: Paul Murphy

- Approval of the August 21, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report, Nancy Lyngé: Beginning balance of \$45,008.72, withdrawals \$1789.00, deposits \$0 leaving an ending balance of \$45,008.72.
- Meeting with Nick DeBar Director of Public Works and Jim Lewis, City Manager: Mark Hontz, Board President and Nancy Hair, Acting Secretary, upon our request, met with Nick and Jim. First, to introduce ourselves to Jim and the work and mission of Friends of Atascadero lake. Second, to get an answer to our request that the City of Atascadero take over the Portola Well that pumps fresh water into Atascadero Lake. It has always been the intention that the well be turned over to the City. We have been working with the City for almost 2 years to get this done. Their final answer was NO, they will not be taking over the responsibility of the well. This was a big disappointment. We had told them we would continue to pay for or share the cost of the electricity. Our non-profit was started in 2013. We are an older group of lake lovers, and it was never our intent to have the ongoing responsibility of a well. The lake belongs to the City and we felt it was time the City bear the burden of the extra insurance we pay and the liability we incur. To give the City credit they do have ongoing costs and responsibilities for the lake and also the pipeline that runs from 3 Bridges to the lake. They have been incurring many extra costs for that pipeline repair. If you would like more information about this you can contact us at: friendsofataslake@gmail.com or through our website: www.friendsofatascaderolake.com. Or you can call Nick Debar or Jim Lewis at the City.
- Lake Perimeter Clean-up, Don Lyngé: The clean up set for Saturday October 21st is shaping up. The Grizzly Academy Cadets will be there to help us. The lake is now almost all surrounded by bullrush (reeds) and they are becoming a nuisance. Not only for lake access but for the view. Don got a quote from Armet's Landscape to send a crew out to remove as much of the bullrush they can. Because they are licensed and bonded the City has given permission for them to use power tools. The bid is: \$11,640.00. Don made the motion to approve, and Ron and Bob seconded, all approved. This is a very large job with a big price tag. But removing a lot of this biomass will help reduce the phosphorus which

contributes to algae growth. Armet's will be working around the Lake the week prior to the clean up date of the 21st. There will still be plenty remaining after their work which is needed for the red wing blackbirds and other waterfowl. Only bullrush from the slopes and shore will be removed.

- Round Table: Nancy Hair is still working on getting insurance for the well. We let it go during the renewal process assuming the City would do the right thing and take over the well. Janet Murrieta has put together a "Pets and Their People" of Atascadero Lake. Please contact us about purchasing your calendar. This was all Janets idea, and we are so grateful and excited about this fun fundraising project. Thank you, Janet.