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PINERY PIPELINE



From your board of directors

About this time, two years ago, a notice came out in this newsletter about elections for the District's Board of Directors. I thought, "why not". I had over 36 years of experience in the water and wastewater field, doing every job from fixing pipes to managing the entire operation. I had prepared and presented many different types of reports and proposals to City Councils and other Boards during this time. I always thought it would be fun to sit on the other side of the table. Asking the tough questions. Digging into the details of every request. Requesting more information. Saying "No" to some things and "Yes" to others. A piece of cake.

That was until the pandemic hit and the cake fell onto the floor, frosting side down. No getting to sit on the other side of the table. All meetings were going to be held via Zoom for the next few months, which turned into 22 months.

Hopefully we meet in person for the February Board meeting. Not all the Zoom meetings were caused by the pandemic. The last few meetings were due to the Board approving a very much needed remodel to the office building and board room. It will be nice to meet everyone face to face.

Now getting back to asking the tough questions. There were very few from me over the last two years as being a director. I was used to participating in meetings where various departments were asking for the moon. The Parks Department always needed more employees, Finance and Human Resource needed some new million-dollar software packages. All the while the Water and Wastewater Departments had to continue to do more with less. These other departments, I always thought, needed to be asked the tough questions. They never had to balance a budget while trying not to have a utility rate increase. Now, while sitting on the other side of the table, I mean computer screen, I found I don't need to ask many tough questions. I knew why the wastewater plant needed new ultraviolet lights for their disinfection process and pump station 2 needed new variable frequency drives for their pump motors. I did have a tough time in the beginning trying to understand the nuances of the Pinery Water and Wastewater systems. I was used to a system that required very few pump stations and pressure zones and relied on surface water and no ground water for a water source. After a few tours of the facilities and a couple meetings with staff members it started to make a lot of sense.

What I have learned the last two years is that the Pinery Water and Wastewater District has a very good manager, and her staff is top notch. The system is very well maintained, and rate increases have been kept to a minimum or zero the last few years.

New elections are coming this spring for three-year terms for the Pinery Board of Directors, and it is time for you to get involved with the Pinery District. The first deadline is February 25, 2022 for you to submit a self-nomination form. These forms can be found on the Pinery Districts website. Mail-in ballots will be mailed out April 11-18 if there are more than three candidates for the three positions open this election cycle. Get involved, You'll be pleasantly surprised and glad you did.

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly held Board Meetings at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022
Wednesday, March 16, 2022**



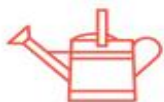
**Terry Franklin, Director
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Board of Directors**

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Maybe you participated in last year's Garden in a Box program. Or maybe you've decided that this is the year you'll finally get your yard in shape – but how can you get the gorgeous, colorful garden you've always wanted without paying the professional price tag and doubling your water bill? Easy. With just a click, you can order a low-water garden kit that's ready to pick up and plant in May. These pre-designed kits are tailored to Colorado soil, and the simple plant-by-number maps take the guesswork out of buying and planting. Plus, the garden kits can help you save around 1,000 gallons of water compared to a traditional grass lawn (not to mention savings on your water bill). There's a Garden in A Box to fit your budget. **Gardens go on sale March 1st and sell out quickly.** Order your garden so you don't miss out - visit ResourceCentral.org/Gardens and receive \$25 discount for being a Pinery Water and Wastewater District customer.



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