



IWA PIPELINE



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Updating Fire Protection Plans

Over the past six years, IWA has been implementing a plan to upgrade water mains to sufficient size to allow installation of fire hydrants for all areas of Sanibel and Captiva. The plan calls for the eventual installation of a fire hydrant within 1,000' of all principal structures. This distance is safely allowed by the equipment of the Fire Departments on the islands.

While almost seven miles of piping have been installed, there are still many areas of Sanibel and Captiva where mains are too small for hydrants. Another ten miles of larger pipes are needed.

The plan continues to be implemented on a cost/benefit priority schedule with \$75,000 allocated for the 1986 construction program. Each year the remaining unprotected areas are evaluated to determine the cost per dwelling unit or upgrading the system. IWA then selects those areas with the most benefit for each dollar spent or, in other words, the "most bang for the buck".

In some cases IWA may upgrade areas out of sequence in cases where there is a chronically leaking main or to coincide with other construction projects.

IWA expects the plan to be fully implemented providing water hydrant protection to every dwelling on the island within the next ten years.

Both Sanibel and Captiva were recently upgraded to a class 7 rating by the Insurance Service Office. Most insurance companies use this rating to determine their rates. However, if hydrants were recently installed in your area, you should ask your insurance company about a reduction in your premium.

Another important factor in fire protection is the amount of water available in storage tanks. National standards recommend one day's usage as adequate. In the case of Sanibel and Captiva, that would mean about 3 million gallons. IWA actually stores more than 16 million gallons which would be very helpful in the case of a major fire.



IWA will miss Carol Dimitroff

Last December IWA employee, Carol Dimitroff, lost her life in tragic circumstances.

Carol had been with IWA for just over a year but had quickly become an important part of our family. Many members will remember her as their first contact with IWA: she worked at the front desk, answered the phone and assisted members with their bills and other matters.

All of us who worked with Carol will remember her sparkling smile, wonderful sense of humor and genuine concern for her fellow employees and friends.

She left a lasting impression on all of us and we will miss her.

Annual Meeting set

IWA's annual membership meeting will be held on April 14 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Community Center. You will be receiving your announcement with a copy of the agenda and a proxy card in mid March. If you cannot attend the meeting, we urge you to send in your proxy cards.

Romancing the otter

We never thought we would be running a "personal" ad in the IWA Pipeline, but our mascot Ozzie the Otter heard about Emma, the lovely young otter who has recently joined the family at C.R.O.W. Ozzie has threatened to leave IWA and go big-time with Disney unless we run the following ad.

GOOD LOOKING, SENSITIVE BUT SUCCESSFUL MALE OTTER WITH HIGH PAYING JOB IN PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR LOCAL UTILITY SEEKS PRIVATE RELATIONS WITH YOUNG OTTERESS WHO ENJOYS SWIMMING, FISHING, ART FILMS, AND BEAUGOLAIS. WRITE DEPT. O, P.O. BOX H, SANIBEL.



"T's are served

The IWA official T-Shirt starring Ozzie the Otter is now available for sale in the IWA office. The shirt, which was introduced at the IWA Anniversary Picnic, is silk-screened in three colors on a wide selection of colored shirts. It's available for \$4.00 (our cost) in children's and adult's sizes.

You'd better hurry if you want to get one. The 300 shirts we had at the picnic lasted about 15 minutes.

IWA is acting on asbestos question

IWA has learned of public concern that its drinking water may contain traces of asbestos fiber. Presumably this may derive from the concrete-asbestos pipe in our distribution system. None of this pipe has been installed since before 1977. The 26 miles of this pipe represents 28 percent of the total 90 miles in our system.

IWA is alert in this matter and is in compliance with EPA guidance. EPA has not found credible consistent correlation between ingestion of water-contained fibers and human cancer development. We can further report to our members that the non-acidity of IWA water and the use of an

anticorrosion agent minimizes release of fibers.

Finally a just concluded test by a certified laboratory found no trace of asbestos in IWA samples. This testing will continue.

IWA picnic Socko-Boffo event

The IWA Anniversary Picnic held on November 10th was by all reports a smashing success. It had everything that people seem to like in picnics — blistering heat, endless food lines, loud music, barely enough food and plenty of island friends to share it with.

We really didn't expect to find so many people who like that sort of thing. In fact our estimates were exceeded by 200% (it's a good thing we're much better at predicting water demand than beer and chicken demand) but, thanks to Bailey's who kept the food and drink coming, we managed to keep the hunger and thirst to subsistence levels.

Thanks also go to the Virginia Squires Bluegrass Band, The Caloosa Cloggers, the many businesses who contributed prizes and to those IWA employees and friends who sweated over hot coals or searched through icy waters for that favorite beverage.

And a final thank you to all those members who helped us celebrate.

Financial: These figures represent the unaudited accounts as of December 31, 1986.

	1986 Budget	Actual Receipts
RECEIPTS		
Water Sales	\$ 2,778,000	\$ 2,647,668
Interest	75,000	114,981
Other Receipts	12,000	12,270
Connection Fees	438,000	390,674
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 3,303,000	\$ 3,365,593
Carryover		1,406,076
TOTAL FUNDS		\$ 4,771,669
DISBURSEMENTS		
Wages and Benefits	\$ 984,000	\$ 936,567
Professional Fees	70,000	73,006
Electricity	600,000	647,588
Telephone	13,000	13,289
O & M Service & Supply	371,000	456,237
Motor Fuels	13,000	12,360
Water Purchases	30,000	9,381
Insurance	63,400	78,076
Postal Charges	18,700	18,069
Travel, Training, Conferences	20,100	18,981
Debt Repayments (Farmers Home Admin.)	300,800	300,468
Capital Expenditures	1,700,700	1,016,689
R.O. Members Fund	218,000	363,690
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 4,324,400	\$ 3,824,141
EXCESS OF FUNDS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 947,528
LESS RESERVE REQUIREMENTS & CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS		\$ 1,076,184
NET AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$ (128,656)

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