



IWA PIPELINE



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First, the good news

IWA has just completed a computer study of all IWA operating costs and income over the past several years.

One of the purposes of this review was to determine if there were any trends that might signal the need for future raises in the company's six-year-old rate schedule.

We're pleased to report that all trends were in a healthy direction, leading the Board of Directors to re-affirm the current schedule of charges for water service.



Now, the bad news

Effective July 1, 1987 IWA will be required by state law to charge 8% sales tax on all water bills.



IWA's own Radio Days

A broken fitting recently caused an emergency water outage. This in turn caused IWA member Laddie Snyder to suggest using the Sanibel Police Department's "Alert Radio" network to announce such problems. IWA asked P.D. officials if this would be OK, they said yes.

So, thanks to one good suggestion, those water users having Alert Radios in their homes will receive notice of unplanned emergency water interruptions during daytime hours (you won't be awakened in the middle of the night to be told your water is off).

A good deal for bad wells

For several years IWA has been trying to locate all of the private wells remaining on Sanibel. The purpose was to determine which of the wells posed any serious threat to the aquifers that we rely on for our water supply and plug those wells that did.

Now with only 16 homes still connected to such wells IWA has offered their owners a special financing plan to help them hook up to the public water supply.

On the condition that these owners allow IWA to test the well and plug it if it's contaminating underground aquifers, IWA is offering to provide financing at 8% per annum rate to cover the owner's costs of connecting to the water mains.

This financing would cover the standard \$1,825 single family fee amortized over 7 years with no closing charge.

It is hoped that with this new incentive IWA will be able to assure the protection of our aquifers.

Singin' in the rain

The damp "dry season" earlier this year may have had the tourists disgruntled but it's had its advantages for IWA. Production figures through April 8th of this year show water usage down some 16 million gallons from 1986 and a whopping 23 million gallons less than super dry 1985.

It's nice to have a job where the less you produce the better you feel.



Get well soon

IWA is drilling its thirteenth well so let's all keep our fingers crossed. The new well into the Hawthorn aquifer will be on San/Cap Road about 1000 feet north of the elementary school.

When it's finished IWA will be drawing its water from Sanibel fields containing five Suwannee wells, averaging 780 feet deep, and seven Hawthorn wells averaging 680 feet deep. During the next five years IWA's capital plan calls for three more Suwannee wells to be drilled.

More power to you

Northern Sanibel and Captiva residents will soon have more pressure in their water systems. IWA is laying a new transmission line from the R.O. Plant north to the Wulfert pumping station. We hope you will all enjoy more squirting range with the garden hose and more tingle in the shower.

Putting out the fires

During 1987 IWA will be spending ~~more~~ \$75,000 to provide fire hydrant protection to the following Sanibel and Captiva neighborhoods: Boulder Drive, Limpet Drive, Wheel Drive, Laika Lane and San Carlos Bay Drive.

These additional hydrants will mean that 97% of IWA's residential units are within the thousand foot hydrant distance prescribed by local fire protection agencies.

This continuing program has already helped to lower fire insurance rates on the islands. Ultimately, all members will have hydrant protection.



Financial: These figures represent the unaudited accounts as of March 31, 1987.

| RECEIPTS | 1987 Budget | THREE MONTHS OF |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| | | Actual Receipts |
| Water Sales | \$ 752,500 | \$ 737,279 |
| Interest | 10,000 | 10,891 |
| Other Receipts | 1,850 | 4,321 |
| Connection Fees | 100,000 | 101,289 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 863,350 | \$ 853,780 |
| Carryover | | 774,760 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | \$1,628,540 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | 1987 Budget | THREE MONTHS OF |
| | | Actual Disbursements |
| Wages and Benefits | \$ 269,602 | \$ 238,121 |
| Professional Fees | 20,425 | 42,413 |
| Electricity | 143,750 | 110,723 |
| Telephone | 3,450 | 3,382 |
| O & M Services & Supply | 119,063 | 107,967 |
| Motor Pools | 3,600 | 2,917 |
| Insurance | 26,375 | 22,346 |
| Postal Charges | 2,750 | 2,014 |
| Travel, Training, Conferences | 6,175 | 2,090 |
| Debt Repayments (Farmers Home Admin.) | 78,117 | 78,117 |
| Capital Expenditures | 233,944 | 38,871 |
| Contingency Fund | 25,000 | 0 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$ 929,351 | \$ 648,961 |
| EXCESS OF FUNDS OVER DISBURSEMENTS | | \$ 982,579 |
| LESS RESERVE REQUIREMENTS & CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS | | \$ 624,205 |
| NET AVAILABLE FUNDS | | \$ 358,374 |

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