



IWA PIPELINE



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We've got to keep meeting like this

The annual meeting of the Island Water Association will be held on Monday, April 13 at 10 A.M. at the Sanibel Community Association. Members will receive notification of the meeting with the agenda and list of nominees for directors at the end of March. All members are urged to attend. If you cannot attend we hope you will send in your proxies prior to April 10.

Drink up — safely

Safe drinking water is no longer something to be taken for granted. A recent article in Reader's Digest refers to the levels of contaminants in municipal water supplies; it also reports that 63 percent of rural household water supplies are considered unsafe (largely because of bacteria) and 15 percent of Americans now depend on bottled water for drinking and cooking.

So, how safe is the water that comes out of your taps here on the islands? That's something that IWA, and government agencies, are constantly checking.

We are fortunate in several ways. We draw our water from deep aquifers that are not as subject to the surface water contamination such as pesticides, fertilizers, chemical wastes and the like. We also use the most effective system for purification — reverse osmosis — because we desalinate the water from these aquifers.

IWA's water is constantly being tested for contaminants by state and county laboratories, by independent laboratories hired by IWA, and by our own in-house laboratory. Test results have always shown the contaminant levels in our potable water to be well below those allowable by federal standards for organic or inorganic materials, lead or asbestos.

What it all boils (or reverse osmosises) down to is that the water you're drinking on Sanibel and Captiva is certified as safe by the professionals who oversee our nation's health.

Let's drink to the Islands' most valuable liquid asset.



Boon to bow-wows

In 1986 IWA helped add 22 new fire hydrants to the islands giving some 145 dwelling units additional protection against serious fires.

There are actually three ways in which the islands' hydrant system is being expanded.

- New developments — When pipe is laid for new developments mains of sufficient size are being used to support hydrants.
- Main replacements — When mains are replaced larger pipe is being used to allow for hydrants.
- Parallel mains — In some cases IWA is installing parallel mains that will be used for hydrants only. IWA spent \$92,800 in 1986 for these parallel mains and plans to continue this program until all needs are met.

The original IWA system, started in 1968, had no hydrants. Now ninety-seven percent of the residential and non-residential units hooked up to IWA's system are within the thousand foot hydrant distance prescribed by local fire protection agencies.

We also assume, on the same basis, that at least 97% of the islands' bow-wows are happy with our efforts along this line.



Believe it or not

Since its installation on April 18 of 1981 the A-Train at the R.O. Plant has delivered well over a billion gallons of treated water. That's perfectly believable. The A-Train is a highly efficient piece of equipment.

Here's the part that's hard to swallow. A-Train delivered its one billionth gallon of water on April 18, 1986 — 5 years to the day after its installation. Could it be "serendipity"?

We've got your number

This month will inaugurate the first billing from IWA produced by our new computer.

Computerized billing will save us a lot of time and money but there is one thing we couldn't save — your old account number. We hope you like your new one.



Addressing the problem

The problem was the new San-Cap Road address for IWA that we told you about in our last newsletter. It was supposed to allow us to get our mail delivered to our door.

Unfortunately, because we are on the west side of the road the mail didn't make it to our door until after our door was locked for the night.

So it was back to the drawing board — actually the post office — to get our old box back so we can get our mail on time. It's business as usual with one exception. Our box is no longer "H". It is #509 — not as easy to remember but within new government regulations.

Glad to have you aboard

We want to welcome two new members to the IWA family: Mark Hees in charge of buildings and grounds maintenance, and Dan McLeod with our distribution system crew.

Save it for a dry day

It's time to talk about conservation again. The dry season and the tourist season will combine once more to send our gallonage soaring.

While IWA has no authority to impose conservation — that's the concern of city and county governments — we do recommend that we all try and save water wherever possible. First, it will save you money. Second, it will make our job easier. The size of our facility is really determined by this peak season. It would be nice to store all that extra water we could make in the summer for use during the season, but we can't.

So let's save it when we can — shower shorter, sprinkle sparingly, and drive a dirty car once in a while.

Reverse what?

During the season we always have people who want to tour the IWA reverse osmosis plant. If you have some visitors who would be interested in a tour, or if you've never seen this facility (which partly belongs to you, after all), give us a call at 472-1802 for a scheduled tour. We'll be happy to show you around.

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

RECEIPTS

Water Sales
Interest
Other Receipts
Connection Fees

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Carryover

TOTAL FUNDS

1986 Budget

\$2,945,000
78,000
38,000
400,000

\$3,459,000

TWELVE MONTHS OF

Actual Receipts

\$2,922,444
41,020
30,474
477,311

\$3,471,249

837,517

\$4,308,766

DISBURSEMENTS

Wages and Benefits
Professional Fees
Electricity
Telephone
O & M Service & Supply
Motor Fuel
Water Purchases
Insurance
Postal Charges
Travel, Training, Conferences
Debt Repayments (Farmers Home Admin.)
Capital Expenditures

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

EXCESS OF FUNDS OVER DISBURSEMENTS

LESS RESERVE REQUIREMENTS & CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

NET AVAILABLE FUNDS

1986 Budget

\$1,083,600
70,800
630,000
15,700
468,100
18,000
10,000
83,900
12,500
25,100
300,468
1,330,556

\$3,972,614

TWELVE MONTHS OF

Actual Disbursements

\$1,008,071
89,911
513,986
14,220
413,875
10,740
0
101,259
15,812
18,197
300,468
1,061,456

\$3,534,006

\$774,760

\$693,393

\$181,367

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