



IWA PIPELINE



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IWA NEEDS YOU!!



Its election time at IWA again, and next year two seats on our Board of Directors will be up for election. The seats are currently held by Robert Lindman and Jack Cunningham. Mr. Lindman is completing his third and final term, and Mr. Cunningham is running for re-election for his 2nd term.

IWA is governed by a five member Board of Directors who serve without pay. Directors must be year-round residents of Sanibel or Captiva, so that they can attend all Board meetings, and must be IWA Members or an official representative of a condominium or other IWA Corporate Member. Directors must have no conflict of interest, including but not limited to, active involvement in an enterprise which could potentially do business with IWA or which could benefit from involvement with the Association.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Directors are elected by the

Membership at IWA's Annual Meeting to be held in April. Anyone who would like to run for one of the open seats should contact our Board Recording Secretary, Beau Stanley, at (239) 472-2113 (extension 114) or by e-mail at beau@islandwater.com by **no later than January 6, 2012.** A background check will be run on all Board candidates in our post-911 world.

IN MEMORIAM, PHIL NOE...



Holly, Erin, & Phil Noe

IWA Production Manager, Philip Noe, passed away unexpectedly on November 14, 2011. Phil would have been 49 years old in December. Phil is survived by his wife, Holly, and three children. Phil was with The Island Water Association for 24 years. There is nothing in our RO Plant that Phil's hand has not touched. Phil started at IWA as a Plant Trainee and worked his way up to Production Manager by 1998. Phil's passions were family,

boating, and hunting. Everyone at IWA considered Phil a friend or brother. Our condolences go out to Phil's family and loved ones. Phil will be greatly missed by all.

IN MEMORIAM, PETE WILSON...



Pete Wilson, who retired from IWA in 1998 as Production Manager, passed away on November 3, 2011 at the age of 75 in York, Pennsylvania. Pete worked for Island Water for

22 years, and was instrumental in getting our new RO Plant up and running in 1980. Pete was also a Navy veteran, having served during the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, and the Cuban Missile Crisis. True to Navy tradition, Pete was known to instruct plant operators that "If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't move, paint it." To this day, our plant and equipment continues to be sharply maintained and painted.

IT'S BUDGET TIME AT IWA...



The Island Water Association was incorporated 46 years ago, in 1965, and franchised by Lee County as a member-owned, not-for-profit association. Our fiscal year is synonymous with the calendar year, which means it is now budget time at IWA. Our Department Managers are currently analyzing their needs for the up-coming year. The Revenues, Operations/Maintenance and Capital Budgets are being compiled in order to present them to the IWA Board of Directors for their approval.

Budgeting has always been a bit of an art in the

water utility business due to variables beyond our control, such as rainfall and seasonal visitors. Revenues should remain fairly steady at about \$6.5M, with O&M and Capital expenses estimated close to \$6.5M, as one would expect from a not-for-profit organization.

Included in the budgeting process is an estimate of 2012 Capital projects costs. Capital spending involves projects that maintain or upgrade IWA's infrastructure. Past examples of Capital spending include the recently completed upgrade of our product transfer line and the 2009 upgrade of the three product transfer pumps. Last year we replaced and upsized almost 2/3 of a mile of well line, along with the replacement of our aging distribution piping throughout the Sanibel Bayous subdivision. The largest Capital project budgeted for 2012 will be the replacement of aging thin-wall distribution pipe in the Dunes subdivision. The northern half of the Dunes will be upgraded in 2012, and the southern half is tentatively scheduled to be upgraded in 2013. These upgrades should be completed before the scheduled repaving of the Dunes roadways by the City of Sanibel. A project as extensive as this one requires months of planning and locating of existing water mains and other utilities. Residents will receive ample notification before work commences. Along with replacing the old with the new, IWA strives to realize future operating cost savings and increased efficiencies with every Capital project

In this day and age, budgeting has become even more challenging due to the increased volatility of the cost of energy, chemicals, employee medical insurance, and the overall state of the economy. It would be nice if we could predict the future; however if that was the case, we would probably all be retired drinking cool glasses of vintage 2011 IWA tap water on the beach!

LINDGREN BOULEVARD BOX CULVERT...



The City of Sanibel's construction project on Lindgren Boulevard to replace the aging box culvert is complete. IWA's eight inch main has been reinstalled, freshly repainted, and is back in service.

This pipe is one of numerous aqueous crossings which are defined as water mains running over open bodies of water, and they are usually attached to a bridge or culvert. The crossings all need periodic inspection, maintenance and repainting; so this is one crossing we can mark off the list.

If you noticed, the bridge is painted white, and our pipe is painted blue. This is to differentiate our distribution potable water piping, (blue) from other underground utility piping, such as reclaimed water from the City (purple), and City sewer piping (green) to prevent unintentional cross connections and contamination of our drinking water.

PRODUCT TRANSFER LINE AND DUCTILE IRON PIPE INSPECTIONS...

In our last issue of *IWA Pipeline* we discussed the product transfer line replacement and the need to uncover some 30-year-old ductile iron (DI) piping within the RO Plant yard for external corrosion evaluation. While the transfer pipe replacement was completed, DI pipes were uncovered in six different locations throughout the yard and prepared for visual inspections and sonic testing of wall thicknesses. These six locations were all visually excellent, with little visible corrosion. Sonic



Jim Elliott & Corrosion Expert Examining Pipe

testing further confirmed that wall thicknesses had not changed much in thirty years. The exposed areas of the pipe were coated with an epoxy paint and wrapped in plastic sheeting before being reburied, to prevent future corrosion of the test areas. We can probably thank the clean fill dirt in

which the pipes were installed for their excellent condition.

GET WITH THE PROGRAM!!!



Tired of mailing us your payment every month? Join many of your fellow IWA Members and enroll in our direct debit program. We will automatically debit your bank account each month, after you have had a chance to review your bill. You will save a stamp, envelope and aggravation. IWA will save the cost of opening your payment and inputting it into our computer, thereby keeping our costs and your water rates as low as possible. Contact our Membership Coordinator, Karen, at (239) 472-1502 or karen@islandwater.com to enroll or fill out an online application. She will be happy to discuss the program with you and to answer whatever questions you may have. To us, it seems like a real win-win proposition!

BILL FENNIMAN...

Last April, Bill Fenniman completed his third and final two year term on the IWA Board of Directors. We knew we would miss his leadership, direction and expertise. We weren't quite so sure we would miss his jokes. IWA was further saddened when Bill and Carol decided they should move from Captiva back north to the Boston Area to be closer to their family, which they have done. We will miss Bill's upbeat personality, his plentiful stories, and his somewhat unique wardrobe. Bill, please stop by the next time you are in town and have a glass of water with us.



Bill Fenniman
IWA Board President 2009-2011

RETURNING SNOW BIRDS ...

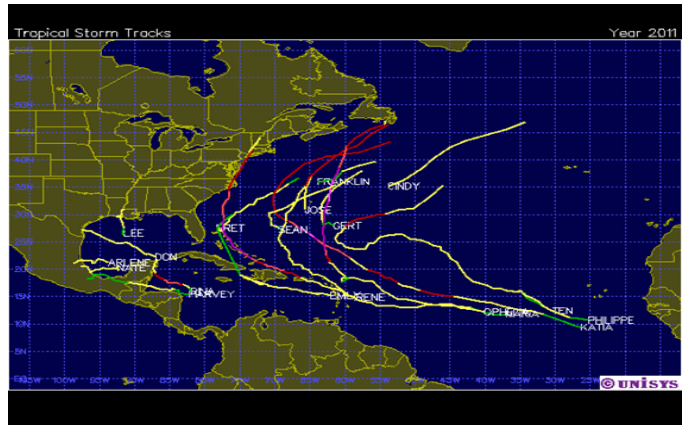


This is the time of year when Sanibel sees a surge of returning winter guests. Along with human winter residents, Sanibel Island is also home to many pairs of nesting ospreys every winter. IWA's pair is back, and in a short period of time they have rebuilt their nest, which was completely blown

away last summer. It won't be long before there are more than two calls emanating from the nest, as the pair are usually successful in raising a brood.

HURRICANE SEASON ENDS ...

The 2011 hurricane was a busy one for the Atlantic and SW Gulf of Mexico, with eighteen named storms, including six hurricanes. However, the Florida peninsula was once again spared a direct hit. For the second year in a row, IWA has not had to install our Lexan shutters (over 50 of them).



This years hurricane season was a non-event for Southwest Florida.



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