

## **Fletcher Creek Improvement District** **August 2023 Newsletter**

### **HELP NEEDED:**

Vacation plans indicate that from August 14 through September 16 none of the trustees will be in the vicinity to attend to emergencies. The maintenance man has a full time job and will not be able to respond to an emergency during the weekdays.

The FCID needs an emergency contact for one month. Could it be you? Are you the person that could help your your neighbors? Please contact Donna Butt, Secretary/Treasurer, at [fletchercreekwater@gmail.com](mailto:fletchercreekwater@gmail.com) if you are willing to be that person from August 14 through September 16, 2023. If nobody steps up, no one will be taking emergency calls.

Emergency Response is not complicated. The first action on any and all emergencies is to isolate the water source by closing two valves at the intake building. The second action is to drain the distribution system by opening the standpipes at the south end of the mainline and also at end of Twin Bays Rd. Once that's done, you have time to consider the cause of the emergency and the best response to it.

I can provide training if and only if contacted before Aug 8, 2023.

### **Trustee:**

The July newsletter detailed the need to fill a vacancy on the board. Are you the person that could help your neighbors?

Forming a quorum at the board meetings could become challenging if the seat is not filled with someone that is able to attend the Trustee meetings, in person or virtually. The business of the FCID cannot be conducted if we don't form a quorum at the board meetings.

The board meets quarterly, not monthly. Trustees are asked to attend four meetings a year that typically last an hour, but attendance is not compulsory. Special meetings may be called, as we expect to call a special meeting to have the membership finalize the decision on water treatment, and elect a trustee. Finally, the Annual General Meeting is called once per year, with organization and planning carried by the Secretary/Treasurer and Chairperson. Trustees can participate to the extent that they feel comfortable/willing.

It's not a big time commitment and is an opportunity for residents and landowners to give something back to the community. Please contact any of the trustees or the Secretary/Treasurer if you're interested. The community needs you.

### **Is It Time For A Change In Strategy?**

From the time the FCID was formed until now it relied on volunteers to do the work. It has become increasingly difficult to find those volunteers. Is it time to change our operating practices to rely on contract labor? The matter will be up for discussion at the next special or annual general meeting. No volunteers means more contract labor which means increasing costs which means higher taxes. It's up to you.