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Planning of the annual meeting was the subject of discussion at the Cedarpines Park Mutual Water Company meeting held on April 15.

One of the main topics of discussion was how to account for the proxy forms from those shareholders who could not attend yet wish to have their vote counted.

Board of Director Ron Albright said, "The staff is cleaning up the sharebook right now." Shareholder Steven Hachett asked if a shareholder and the secretary would verify the proxy. ECS Company, Inc. (ECS) administrative consultant Rhiannon Gowan said, responded, "We are open to forming committee."

Albright responded, "We want everybody to feel good about the outcome. The shares are the vote." Rhiannon Gowan said, "The proxies need to be from shares that are in good standing with account balances paid or in approved payment plan."

Albright informed, "Until a few months ago we had \$95,000 in bad debt. I was surprised that there was no formal collection process in place. ECS has helped us with reasonable policies now there is standardization. That is deadwood that would need to be written off."

"We need 50 percent of the outstanding shares and a share that is not valid does not count." Albright continued. Hachett said, "It's a business that we are all a part of." Albright suggested, "Neighbors talking to neighbors so we can have a normal election." Hachett said, "A team effort."

Board Chairman Perry Dahlstrom suggested, "We need a proxy statement, a multi-part form and two control numbers." Albright said, "Let's look at proxy stock and see what is available." Board member Bill Steiner said, "Showing what number was issued and quickly verifiable."

Dahlstrom said, "There are two vacancies on the board up for election." Rhiannon Gowan said, "We will mail proxy forms by the end of May." Hachett said, "The idea of a committee would feel that we are a part of it. I am comfortable with a committee for those people who are interested."

Albright then brought up the definition of the proctors and the number of people in the room when the votes are counted. Rhiannon Gowan suggested, "Maybe the committee would help." Albright said, "We agree with all that."

Fred Turpin said, "Then we will get a decision by the majority of the shareholders." Albright confirmed, "The majority of shareholders to go this direction."

Dahlstrom then suggested that the company really needed 60 days for the annual meeting time. More people don't have the time to react. We have part-time residents. We haven't decided if we want to change the meeting date.

Shareholder Cheryl Turpin asked, "Are we changing the date to get our ducks in a row?" Dahlstrom suggested, "It might be worth postponing." Rhiannon Gowan said, "We really want to do this right." The board voted unanimously on postponing the annual meeting until Saturday, September 18.

Cheryl Turpin said, "We can have a barbeque luncheon. We can have it outside with the board sitting at the picnic table. We can hold the board meeting and then the luncheon." Cheryl Turpin said, "A little something to eat, people are much happier."

General Manager Sonny Gowan suggested a water faire where there are pictures of the water tanks and wells and put them in the community center. Sonny Gowan said, "Show the shareholders how to read a meter." Rhiannon Gowen suggested, "We could have displays of promotional material, information about drought resistant plants."

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Photograph of Cedarpines Park Mutual Water Company board meeting from left to right, Bill Steiner, Ron Albright, Perry Dahlstrom, Don Pederson, General Manager Sonny Gowan, Rhiannon Gowen and Jani Haynes and Fred Turpin in the audience.