

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived to meeting at 8:31 p.m.*)
Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
James A. Martinez, City Attorney
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

Miguel Rosas, Interim Public Works Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Lt. Eddie Smith
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Anibal Olague, Grant Writer
Jesse Scott, Interim CFO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miguel Rosas

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz, Martha Válles, Raul Luera and Rodolfo Peña spoke during Public Comment.

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

PRESENTATION

5. RECOGNITION OF SOCORRO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Recognition was made by Mayor Ruiz.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up items twelve (12), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), eighteen (18) and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WITH EL PASO COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OF HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twelve (12)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve and authorize the city attorney to negotiate the agreement*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE GENERAL ENGINEER SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DANNENBAUM AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara *to approve item number item number fifteen (15).*

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara *to approve the recommendation made by the city attorney to remove the wording of exclusive provider and change to two (2) years instead of four (4).* Motion passed.

Jose Reyes, Dannenbaum Engineer and Richard Zamora, Vice President of Dannenbaum spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FOR WASTE WATER PROJECT FOR COTTON VALLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to approve item number sixteen (16).*

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to authorize city attorney to negotiate and finalize the terms.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FRAY OLGUIN TO REMAIN A DEAD END.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox *to approve item number eighteen (18).* Motion passed.

Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew their motion.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara *to open up Fray Olguin.* Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *suspend the rule and allow speakers to speak*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gadara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

Lydia Arrieta, Lorenzo Lopez, and Micaela Orozco spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PAVING SAN MIGUEL ST. IN 2016.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Miguel Rosas, Interim Public Works Director made presentation (*See Exhibit "A"*)

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Raul Luera spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

PRESENTATION

**6. PRESENTATION BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER REGARDING
FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS
TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2016. JESSE SCOTT**

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2016. JESSE SCOTT**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:
Absent: Rene Rodriguez

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS

- 10. RESOLUTION 496 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM PHASE III. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number ten (10)*.

Anibal Olague spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

PUBLIC WORKS

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL TO PERFORM THE ONION FIELD EXCAVATION. MIGUEL ROSAS**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve and accept the denial of the BID*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

CITY MANAGER

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2016 ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO COMBINE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION AND THE MUSEUM COMMISSION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number fourteen (14)*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *reconsider item number fourteen (14)*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *clear the Museum Commission and it be absorbed by the Historical Landmark Commission and its members are not automatically members*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gadara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DISSOLVE THE PARKS COMMISSION AND REPLACE IT WITH A PARKS TASK FORCE. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *follow the city attorney's recommendation and dissolve and the Parks Commission by ordinance*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE JOB TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION FROM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, SALARY RANGING FROM 65,000.00 TO 80,000.00. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*.
Motion passed.

Rosio Marin, HR Director spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POND CONDITIONS, WELL, IRRIGATION SYSTEM AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK AND METHODS TO ADDRESS SAME.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve the aeration, no fencing around the pond and remove all ducks.*

Presentation made by Miguel Rosas, Interim Public Works Director (*See Exhibit "B"*).

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

21. DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPING EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

No action on this item.

22. DISCUSSION REGARDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

No action on this item.

24. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING PREPARATIONS BEING DONE FOR 2016 MONSOON SEASON.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Anthony Gandara stepped out of the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Anthony Gandara stepped back into the meeting at 8:20

Miguel Rosas spoke on this item.

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

No action on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:34 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:50 P.M.

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *delete items twenty-five (25) thru (27).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent

28. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PROPRIETY OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY EMPLOYEES AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR AND LIMITS REGARDING SAME [551.071]. **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene. Rodriguez to *create policy and procedure and bring back to council for final approval.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

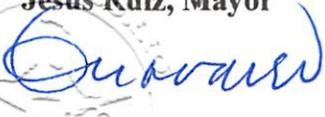
29. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:53 p.m.*

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

April 7, 2016
Date minutes were approved

Exhibit "A"



San Miguel St.

Socorro
Public Works Department



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Cost and Time line

- 550 ft. Long New construction
- Approx. 180 tons of asphalt @\$57 = \$10260
- Approx. 75 tons of base @ \$10 = \$750
- Total Approx. cost = \$11,010
- 3-4 working days to prep and pave

Exhibit "B"



Bulldog Championship Park Pond

Socorro
Public Works Department



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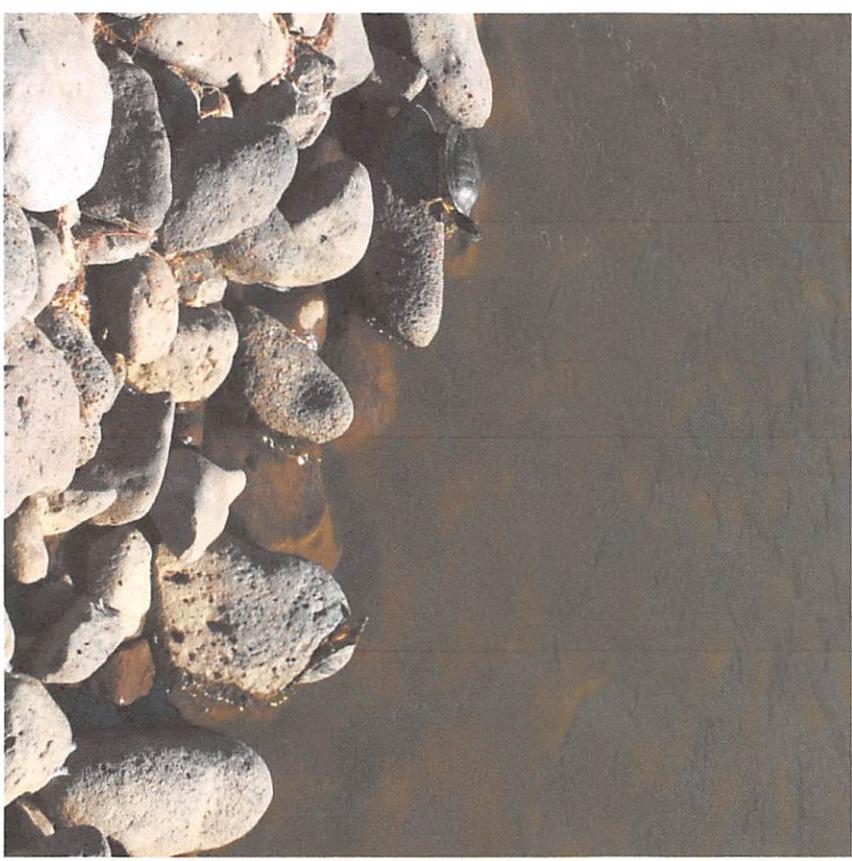
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Current State



Pond in need of cleaning and maintenance.





Recommended Plan Of Action



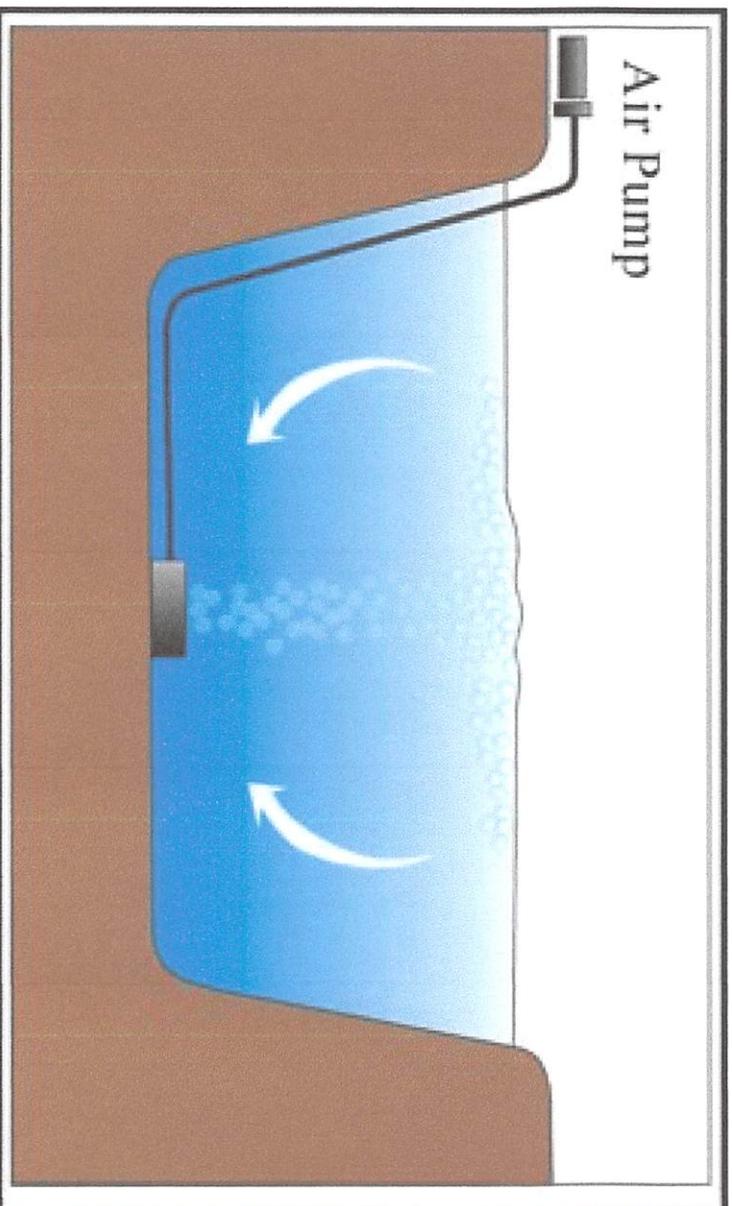
- Install Aeration system consisting of ½ horsepower main unit and two diffuser units.
- Look into fencing in perimeter of pond with wrought iron to minimize disturbance of pond area
- Minimize bird population (ducks, geese, etc)



Aeration System (proposed)



Install aeration system to better provide oxygen to lower levels of pond and prevent current conditions.





Aeration System



SOCORRO
Public Works Department



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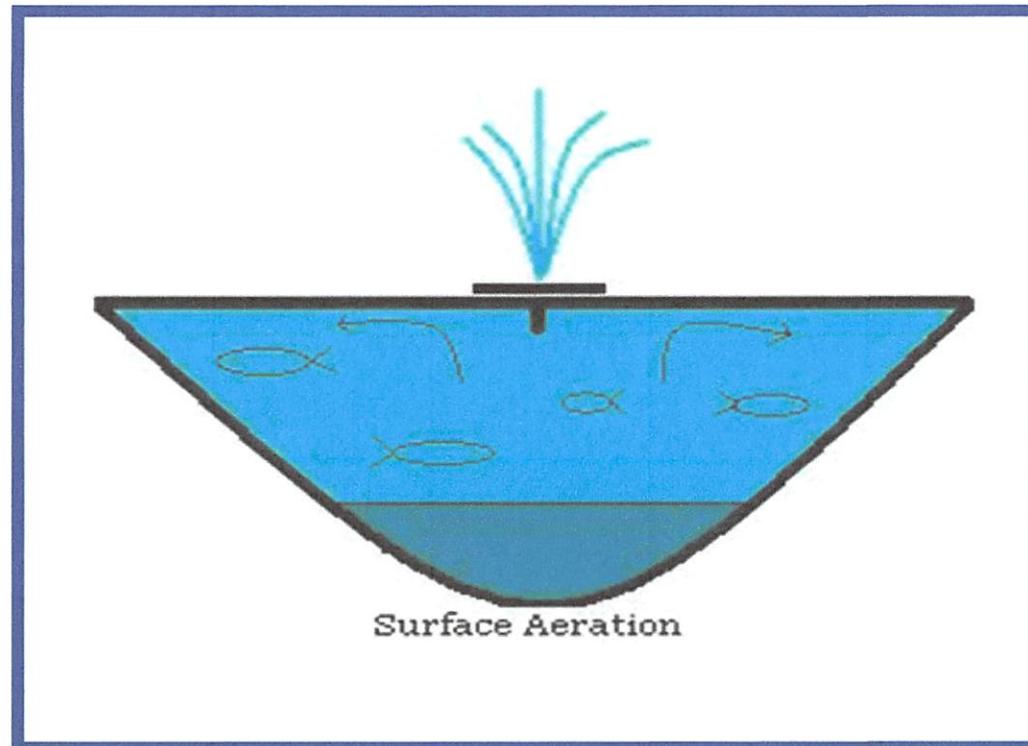
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Current filtration system



Current system only provides oxygen to surface of pond whenever it is on. Which causes all sediments to accumulate on bottom of pond.





Fence (proposed)

- Approx. 520' lineal feet of fence required with two gated access points.





Approximate costs



- Aeration system components...\$2,500-3000
- (in house labor)
- Fencing (materials and labor) ..\$14,000-16,000
- Electric bill will increase at Bulldog due to constant use of said systems
- Questions and reccomedations