

Opinion

Let's Make Money to Reduce Assessments!

This idea was expressed by the new GRF President at his first Board Meeting. By having the Mutual run for-profit businesses, GRF hopes to minimize the assessment increases imposed on the Owners.

This is a typical "politician's" approach to spending and has had little success in our economy. If you have a problem, pour some more money on it and you'll solve that problem with a bigger problem.

There are two options; 1). raise money via business ventures (i.e., Broadband, Restaurant, Country Club, etc.), or, 2). reduce our operating costs.

A competent manager would make the first priority the elimination of unnecessary costs. We don't have that expertise and couldn't expect this from any of our current GRF Board Members. They wouldn't recognize an unnecessary cost if it came out of their own pocket. Their PCM blinders have prevented them from observing anything other than what PCM places in front of their noses.

Based on the competence of our current Board, what kind of control should we expect when they are given the task of running a business? A money-maker, or, a money-loser? If Broadband is any kind of an indicator, it will be a loser and the results will be based on being subsidized by the Owners since GRF cannot keep up with the technology.

Who do you suppose would operate any proposed business venture that GRF would initiate? Of Course, PCM! Then we would have a General Manager who not only manages our non-profit mutual with PCM as his top priority, but would add ever expanding for-profit businesses to his stable, still keeping PCM as the top priority.

For most of us who remember "Edgar Bergan and Charlie McCarthy," the new "Johns and Stuller" are the current version, but, when you watch closely, you will see Johns' lips really are moving when Stuller speaks. A couple more board meetings and they will have it down pat as did, "Johns and Miller."

Just like "Edgar and Charlie," Johns is in control and we are seeing how little impact the Board has regardless of Mr. Johns' statement that, "PCM doesn't do any thing except what they are directed to do by the Boards." It would be a major surprise to see something that was initiated by the Boards without PCM's prior approval or over their objection.

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