

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2017

Board Members Present: Peggy Quint, Charles Bogle, Randy Wilhelm, and Greg Smith.

Board Members Absent: Steve Lasswell

Staff Present: George Medaris, District Manager; Dave Schneider, CORC; Herdis Sobel, Office Manager.

Visitors Present: Fred Hernandez, Paul & Mary Zawacki.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda for the Next Meeting:
Resolution appointing a Designated Election Official.

Public Input: None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the October 24, 2017 Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop.
2. Approval of Minutes for the November 2, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
3. Financial Report and Approval of Checks.
4. Resolution 2017- Designating the Public Places for Posting Meeting Notices for Calendar Year 2018.

Item 4 was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Charles Bogle seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

Continue discussion regarding South Westcliffe Improvement District

The District received an Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost from SGM regarding the South Westcliffe Concept Plan (Westcliffe Filing #2).

Dave Schneider provided a map of the proposed infrastructure layout with a cost estimate per lot based on square footage.

The Zawacki's were not happy with the projected costs and felt it was excessive. Manager Medaris agreed that it was probably on the heavy side, but SGM used numbers based on similar projects that they have done. A full engineering report would need to be done to get actual costs. RMWSD would at some point be interested in exploring the cost to bring water and sewer service to Westcliffe Filing #2, but right now the District is in the middle of upgrading the sewer plant that is out of compliance. It was suggested to the Zawacki's that they meet with the Town of Westcliffe to see where they stand on the development of that area.

Chair, Peggy Quint, at:

6:08 p.m. closed the regular board meeting and opened a public hearing meeting for the 2018 Proposed Budget. She asked if there was anyone that would like to speak. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing meeting.

6:09 p.m. she opened the public hearing meeting for the 2017 Supplemental Budget. She asked if there was anyone that would like to speak. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing meeting.

6:10 p.m. she opened the regular board meeting.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing on Proposed 2018 Budget
2. Resolution 2017-___ to Set Mill Levy for 2018 Budget Year
3. Resolution 2017-___ to Approve 2017 Budget Amendment
4. Resolution 2017-___ to Adopt 2018 Budget
5. Resolution 2017-___ to Appropriate Sums of Money for 2018 Budget
6. Resolution 2017-___ confirming District Manager's application for mineral impact funding.

Peggy Quint called for a motion on item #3. Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-10 to Amend the 2017 Budget. Peggy Quint seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Next item #6. Charles Bogle made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-11 confirming District Manager's authorization to file an application for mineral impact funding. Randy Wilhelm seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Items 2, 4, and 5 will be addressed at the next meeting.

District Manager Report

Wastewater Improvement Project Status Report

The State is pushing to get things moving and has indicated that different parts of the project can be done at the same time. Mr. Medaris does not like this approach because if things don't come together as planned, it costs more money. As the State continues to work through their check lists, and the different agencies (BLM, Forest Service, etc.) decide whether they will be impacted or not, things get bogged down. The State requested Site Application information on the lift station. No previous site application for the lift station has been located, but Manager Medaris thinks that discussion will show that it is all part of the original lagoon system allowing "in-kind" replacement of pumps and other equipment. According to SGM the PER should be ready for submittal by the end of January 2018. The State will most likely take 3-4 months to review it.

Water Improvement Project Status Report

Proof of an easement to the water tanks has not been found, but the State may accept that we have a prescriptive easement. A request that a cultural survey be done around the tank area to see if there are any areas of cultural interest on the hill.

Financing the System Improvements

Manager Medaris is becoming very concerned over USDA funding. He normally doesn't like to apply to the same sort of agencies for money, but he continues to look for and submit applications for any available funding. He is also considering options for low interest rate loans. He will be visiting First State Bank to see what they may be able to do and will also be looking in to construction loans.

Continuing Discussion on Water and Wastewater Rates

Manager Medaris will send out a memo outlining the proposed rate increases. He thinks that charging availability fees, for debt retirement, should also be considered.

A meeting with Garren, Ross and DeNardo is scheduled for Dec 8th to discuss accounting assistance.

The Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

CORC Report

Dave Schneider went over his CORC report; reporting on projects completed and ones coming up. His CORC report is on permanent file.

Dave will participate in a Sanitary Survey with the State on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

The Water Quality Control Division has completed an evaluation of Round Mountain's Smith & Gallery Wells in accordance with Drinking Water Program Policy 3, Evaluation of Ground Water Sources to Determine Direct Influence of Surface Water. The result of this analysis is that the sources will be classified as groundwater.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Herdis Sobel