

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
July 5, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Visitors Present: Mike Carter, Town of Westcliffe

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the June 7, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for the June 21, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Charles Bogle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Greg Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Input:

Mike Carter wanted to discuss the properties owned by the Town of Westcliffe and San Isabel on the Bluff. The Town of Westcliffe owns the property just to the north of First State Bank. San Isabel owns two properties to the north of that, and the Town of Westcliffe owns the next lot to the north. San Isabel has a water and sewer tap on each of its properties. The water tap on the southern property is used to irrigate the properties to the south (Town of Westcliffe) and north (San Isabel). The tap on the northern property has not been installed. The Town of Westcliffe would like to install restrooms on their southern lot and is proposing that the connection tap into the water irrigation tap and utilize the sewer tap. There was some discussion about San Isabel donating the unused northern tap. Mike said they were unwilling to do that because they would like to use it for the amphitheater they plan to build in the future. Operations Manager, Dave Schneider, stated that he would need to do more research on the matter and check policy. This item will be added to the July 19th agenda.

Old Business

1. Resolution 2018-14 Establishing Connection Permit Policies

A copy of the draft resolution, with suggested changes and new additions, was given to the Board for review. Manager Medaris wanted to establish at what point of inquiry does an availability letter become necessary. After some discussion, it was decided that a simple inquiry about availability could be answered verbally. More in-depth requests, like requests made to secure financing for purchase, would require purchasing an availability letter.

2. Discuss Sale of Small Quantity Water Sales

After some discussion, it was decided to deal with each request as it comes for the rest of the summer, and plan for a solution for next year.

New Business

1. Discuss Drought Conditions, water reserves, wells, water restrictions/education.

Because of the high demand on the system early in the irrigation season, Manager Schneider requested a voluntary odd/even water conservation plan on social media. The plan was put in place because the Smith Well could not keep up with the demand, not because of a shortage of water. And the voluntary appeal worked exceptionally well. As the drought wears on, restricting sales out of county needs to be considered. To start with, commitment letters for water requests have been denied to growers down the hill. As for educating the public, Manager Medaris visited several customers that were watering in the middle of the day and explained the evaporative loss due to mid-day heat and wind.

District Manager Report

1. Status of Johnson Place Dry-up

The dry-up is in progress; still have about two weeks. Manager Medaris commented that the property is very dry.

2. EIAF Grant Presentation

Manager Medaris will be traveling to Cortez on July 16th for his application presentation on the 17th at 11:00 a.m.

3. Status of USDA Grant/Loan

Hoping to hear something soon!

4. Water Vendor Sales

The water vendor is gaining popularity because of its versatility. The month of June had exceptional sales, 477 trips 369,555 gallons \$5,543.33!

Mr. Medaris is still watching to see what Upper Ark will do about a Lake DeWeese expansion. It would greatly benefit Round Mountain to participate to get more storage space.

He is also working on an Irrigation Policy that he feels could be put in place. With the sewer increase and EQR implementation, all commercial properties have lost their sewer cap. Businesses that irrigate abundantly in the summer, and not because of their business activities, have no cap on sewer resulting in extremely high bills. This affect all the community churches except the Catholic church which has a separate irrigation tap.

Operations Manager Report

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

Westcliffe Street Maintenance

Work on the 2nd street sidewalks and preparation for the paving of 2nd street between Main & Rosita continues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Herdis Sobel