

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MEETING  
May 10, 2018

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: Vicky Holstad, Marlys Hartbauer, Russell Hartbauer, Fred Hernandez

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Of all the possible billing scenarios, Manager Medaris feels that the EQR system would be most appropriate for our community. At least for the sewer side. One of the suggestions was billing by meter size, which is okay for the water side, but doesn't consider what possible pollutants are being sent to the wastewater side. The EQR system tries to evaluate the effects on the system. The flow system of billing won't work here because the commercial season is so short, and many homes are unoccupied in the winter. There was some discussion of a Mill Levy increase and/or including the whole county into the Water District. This would be a costly process and not likely to produce the desired results. Availability fees were discussed, but those can not be enforced unless there is debt, can only be assessed for debt (no O&M expenses) and capped at 50% of the average charge. Maybe those fees can be considered next year. The EQR system tries to equitably evaluate each property's intended purpose; whether it is functioning in that capacity or not, so that the possible demand on the system is taken into consideration. The EQR can also be applied to the system development fees.

Taking into account that this is not a rich community, the Board will consider ways to mitigate the impact of the rate increase. There have been complaints that Round Mountain had not planned well for the future and the Board must diligently consider the community's needs now and then. It will take time to fix all Round Mountain's problems.

It was decided, by consensus, to use the EQR system as the billing method. After discussing several different approaches on how to implement the increase, Manager Medaris said that he, Dave Schneider and Randy Wilhelm will come up with a couple different implementation examples and the monetary effects each will produce, for presentation on the May 17, 2018 meeting.

Whichever rate increase structure is decided upon, a professional rate study process should follow as soon as practicable.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Herdis Sobel