

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Manager Medaris was unable to attend the meeting.

Visitors Present: Joanna Jones, Ken Jones, Paul Wenke, Vicky Holstad, Marlys Hartbauer, Brad Hartbauer, Christy Patterson, Mike Carter, Tom Flower, Willie Quinney, Fred Hernandez, Tracey Ballard; Wet Mountain Tribune, Twila Geroux.

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:

Public Input: Peggy Quint explained to the assembly that this is a Regular Board meeting and therefore public input would have to be kept to a minimum of 2 minutes each. The questions taken related to the rate increase implementation date and consideration given to alternatives to the EQR reinstatement. The Operations Manager said that no firm implementation date has been established. The Board is considering all suggestions submitted by the public. Further discussion regarding the rate increase will be addressed later in the meeting. There was also a request for future bills to have a more itemized breakdown of the charges. This request will be referred to the BillFlash billing service.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the April 5, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2018 Special Board Meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes for the April 19, 2018 Special/Public Board Meeting.
4. Financial Reports and Approval of Checks.

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

A request for a motion excusing the absences of Steve Lasswell for the April 16th and April 19th meetings, and Charles Bogle for the April 19th meeting was made.

Greg Smith made a motion, Peggy Quint seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Because "Old Business" involves Executive Session, Peggy Quint decided to proceed with "New Business" first, for the benefit of the public present.

New Business

1. Twila Geroux regarding Emil Roy lots

Ops Manager Schneider informed the Board that the lots in question are outside the District's boundaries and according to RMWSD's policy are not subject to the District's requirements but fall under the jurisdiction of the Town of Silver Cliff. Of course, any development plans for those lots would include the opinion of the Custer County Planning Board and RMWSD Board. A letter outlining all the information has been sent to Twila Geroux, the listing agent. This action was approved by Board consensus.

2. Bond Counsel Engagement Letter

A review of the District's Enterprises has been completed satisfactorily by the Bond Agency, and we await their Engagement Letter.

3. Purchase of property at 59920 Hwy 69, Closing

The closing for the property will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018. The District is pleased with the purchase of this property based on its location to the land application/infiltrator property. Being adjacent, it will become part of the treatment process and will allow the District to install monitoring wells that will be a requirement of the new discharge permit.

4. Engineering Agreement for Next Phase of Design

SGM has submitted a proposal for the next design phase, but now it must be approved by USDA. Manager Medaris is waiting for the forms that must be filled out for USDA's approval process. Also, he is waiting for the dollar amounts for the design proposal.

5. Bulk Water Sales Allocation

Resolutions 2017-6 and 2017-7 establish an annual determination of the quantity of water the District will need for the year and any surplus, as well as assigning an allotment for bulk water sales. Operations Manager Schneider submitted a 2018 Water Report outlining the water uses for the year 2017 compared to the previous 5 years to determine his recommendations for the water uses for 2018. Being conservative, 20-acre feet of excess water to be assigned to the bulk water station. Charles Bogle made a motion to approve the allotment. Greg Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

District Manager Report – Presented by Operations Manager Schneider

1. Status of USDA/RD Grants and Loans

Manager Medaris has re-submitted all the loan paper work requested by USDA/RD.

An Engagement letter has been received from the District's Attorney Jefferson Parker who will be advising us through this next phase.

2. Status of Mineral Impact Grant

All paper work has been submitted, still waiting for a response.

3. Gallery and Smith Wells

This time of year, the District cannot solely depend on the Smith Well. The reality of this was made evident when the Gallery Well went down due to a chlorinator failure. Because of the age of the Smith Well, and its reduction in water production the Smith Well will need to be re-drilled. This is a major project that will need to be addressed soon.

4. Presentation Regarding Proposed Rate Structure and Proposed Alternatives

Both the District Manager and Operations Manager have devoted considerable time on how best to address the needed rate increase. Looking at other District's rate schedules; what is equitable; and public submitted suggestions. One consideration is to enforce the sewer side EQR rate system until a complete rate study can be done by a professional service before the water side is addressed. Various ideas were discussed and after much discussion it was decided to schedule a Workshop for May 10, 2018 at 5:15, to review all options and decide on a course of action. That decision will be voted on at the next Regular Board meeting on May 17th at 5:15. The enforcement date of that decision will also be voted on at that time.

Old Business

1. Executive Session Concerning the Purchase of Real Property

Peggy Quint called for a motion to go into Executive Session. Steve Lasswell made the motion, Charles Bogle seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

At 6:20 p.m. Peggy Quint announced the meeting back in session.

2. Revision to Connection Permit Issuance

This item was tabled.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Herdis Sobel