

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2016

Board Members Present: Peggy Quint, Trinity Huffman, Roger Aukema and Steve Lasswell.

Board Members Absent: Charles Bogle

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

Visitors Present:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for April 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting:

Roger Aukema made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Trinity Huffman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Financial Report/Check Approval:

Trinity Huffman made a motion to approve the financials and bills paid, and Roger Aukema seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Additions to the Agenda for the Next Meeting:

None

Public Input:

None

Old Business:

Discussion of Fees for Irrigation Meters

George said that there are currently 5 irrigation allowances. The Town of Westcliffe gets 50% discount for the Veterans and Bluff Park and 25% discount for the soccer field on Hermit. The Town of Silver Cliff gets a 50% discount on their park, and Garrett Carlson receives a 25% discount for the park at the Feedstore. After some discussion, it was decided to leave the fees as they are for now. Trinity Huffman made a

motion to leave the irrigation meter fees as they are. Roger Aukema seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

Administer Oaths of Office to Roger Aukema, Charles S. Bogle and Stephen W. Lasswell

Charles Bogle signed his Oath of Office at the District's office on 5/4/16. Roger Aukema and Steve Lasswell signed theirs during the meeting.

Steve Lasswell joined the meeting at 5:30.

Cost of Living Adjustment for Non-Exempt Employees

George showed the Board that the current CPI for Denver-Boulder-Greeley was at 1.4%. After some discussion, it was decided to follow the CPI listed for Denver-Boulder-Greeley as the annual cost of living adjustment. Trinity Huffman made a motion to accept 1.4% as this year's cost of living adjustment. Roger Aukema seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion of Status of Engineering and Grant Applications for New Treatment Plant

George told the Board that the application was a lengthy and time consuming process, but it has been submitted and he is awaiting a response. He had put SGM on standby, but thinks he will let them proceed with their work to present information that will be helpful to the Board in assisting them in understanding the process and making decisions. George is anticipating the PER will be done by mid-July. He has been in contact with the State to let them know that we are working with USDA and it will delay the compliance date of June 3rd, but as long as the State knows we are moving forward in good faith they are willing to be flexible on the schedule.

District Manager's Report:

Coordination of utility work with Westcliffe Main St. Project

He and Dave Schneider have been working with the Town of Westcliffe regarding the Main Street Project. The District will need to replace 11 service lines and 4 valves at the intersection of 2nd and Main. Seven of the service lines can be pulled, the rest are galvanized and will need to be excavated. They are looking at some options to minimize the trenching size. One of the biggest issues that they are facing is compaction. They are looking at different options for this and think that flowable fill would be a good option. It is expensive, but probably

the best solution, in light of the funds being expended to update the downtown area.

Report on Conversations w/Water Engineer and Attorney regarding Johnson Ranch Water Rights and Sale of Property

After speaking with Kroeker and Krassa about selling the Johnson Ranch, the short answer is no. They said if the District really wanted to sell part of the Ranch only the portion that has already gone through dry-up should be considered, and with the creek running through that section and the 80-acre minimum restriction on the valley floor, would be impractical. George talked about the futility of trying to time the dry-up with weather forecasts. He will have Dave Schneider carefully monitor the land moisture this next year and see if there are any measures that could be taken to assist the dry-up the following year. He suggested that letters be sent to the interested purchasers explaining the reasons it could not be sold at this time. George also feels that the District needs to take an active interest in what's going on with the DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Co. so we stay informed.

Gallery Well Conditional Water Rights

George thinks we will have a wet year and if John Martin overflows and conditions are met at Garden City, Kansas the Gallery Well water right could become permanent. The district must do due diligence on conditional water rights every 6 years, but if they become permanent it is not required. He also thinks the office needs to set up a permanent suspense file for keeping track of long term requirements and to aide in budgeting for future projects.

Investigation into moving Old Westcliffe Jr. water rights to current wells

George asked Kroeker to assist the District with moving these water rights to our active wells. Kroeker has asked Dave Schneider for some information and is looking into getting those rights moved. Once we have the Johnson Ranch in place with full water rights coming off of it, we need pumping water rights, to be able to augment. So if we bring those rights down into our active wells then we can pump that water and augment with the Johnson Ranch water.

Current Status of Lagoons

George said that the Lagoons are in pretty good shape; little to no smell.

George told the Board about an inquiry from a property owner, on the 300 block in Westcliffe, that owns a 1" water/sewer tap that was

interested in trading it in for two ¾" connections. George told the Board that he thought that would be good for the District to agree to the exchange.

The Board acknowledged Trinity Huffman's resignation letter effective immediately. Thanks and appreciation were expressed by both the other Board members and the staff. George said he will post the vacant Board position in the papers this coming week.

Peggy called for a motion to excuse Charles Bogle for missing this meeting. Trinity Huffman made a motion, Steve Lasswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

CORC Report:

Dave Schneider was not present, but submitted his CORC report. His CORC report is on permanent file.

Delinquent Accounts:

The Delinquent Account Report was presented to the Board. The report is on permanent file.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Herdis Sobel