

**MINUTES OF ACTION OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GRANBY SANITATION DISTRICT  
Acting by and through its Wastewater Activity Enterprise  
July 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Granby Sanitation District was duly called to order at the Granby Sanitation District Treatment Plant on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman, Wayne Kerber. Present were Board members Wayne Kerber, Debra Brynoff, Kelly Griesch, Casey Farrell and Nancy Stuart. Also in attendance were District Administrator, Tammy Granger; Operations Superintendent, Thom Yoder; the District's attorney, Rod McGowan; Wally Baird, Granby Town Manager and Cliff Foster of Val Moritz Village.

Wally Baird, Town Manager for the Town of Granby indicated that he had been approached by several property owners of Val Moritz Village inquiring about constructing a sewer collection system to connect to the Town's DeBerard Draw interceptor. At the present time approximately four property owners are planning to build houses in the next year or so and they would prefer to connect to the public sewer rather than install septic systems as allowed by their subdivision, which was platted in the 1970's.

Wally stated that the property owners are concerned about the financial hardship of paying facility fees of \$1,000.00 per single-family equivalent for all of the lots in addition to the cost of constructing the collection infrastructure. They questioned if the facility fee could be paid along with the plant investment fee at the time of building permit application.

Wayne Kerber voiced concern that it may be decades before the development reaches buildout and that Wally's suggestion would create a difficult bookkeeping scenario. Wally wondered if a recorded document requiring the payment of the \$1,000.00 facility fee would address this concern.

Wally stated his belief that at this time, only those property owners planning to build are interested in connecting to the public sewer. Homeowners currently serviced with septic systems do not intend to connect until their septic systems begin to fail.

Wally confirmed that the property is not within any service area, either by inclusion or contract. The property owners do not want to be annexed into the Town of Granby. Preliminarily it is proposed that the Val Moritz homeowner's association (HOA) would construct, own and maintain the sewer main.

District staff voiced two concerns. One, would allowing Val Moritz additional time to pay facility fees create a precedent that other developers would also request and two, whose construction standards and rules and regulations would be followed if the HOA maintains ownership?

Rod McGowan replied that yes, there always the chance that a precedent would be set to allow

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additional time, beyond what is required in the 2006 Expansion Agreement allows for.

Mr. Baird thought there may be limitations about what the Town can do in regards to providing sewer service. The Board questioned who would be the responsible party in the instance of a plugged main and possible backups? Due to the importance of continued maintenance and integrity of the sewer main infrastructure the District Board felt that it was important that the Town is the owner and responsible entity in light of the fact that the sewer main would be connected to Town infrastructure.

Debra Brynoff agreed with the Val Moritz HOA's comments that there were many entities to deal with making the process quite onerous. Wayne stated that because the connection of sewer infrastructure would be to the Town of Granby's sewer main, the Town of Granby is the proper entity for Val Moritz to deal with.

Val Moritz consists of 147 lots, owned by approximately 70 property owners and there are approximately 15 houses at the present time. Wally explained that approximately 30 of the southernmost lots could not be served by gravity flow and would not connect to public sewer to avoid the need for a lift station. He thought only one of those lots is currently developed and is being serviced by a septic system.

Rod McGowan questioned if state law compelling connection would be an issue for those property owners not wanting to connect.

Discussion was held about expanding Granby Sanitation District's contractual service area on a lot-by-lot basis as property owners are ready to connect. Discussion was also held about expanding service to all of the lots and allowing a short-term payment arrangement for facility fees. All parties believed that this is a unique situation as Val Moritz was platted about 40 years ago and there is a desire by all to protect water quality by eliminating septic systems. It was stated that if property owners are genuinely concerned with water quality a \$1,000.00/sfe facility fee would be a reasonable cost to pay. The homeowner's association does have the authority to assess fees for the cost of construction and payment of facility fees.

The Board concluded the discussion by voicing their willingness to consider lot-by-lot expansions requiring payment of facility fees upon contractual inclusion or contractual inclusion of all lots with a short-term payment plan for facility fees. However, the Board felt that infrastructure funding, construction, ownership and maintenance issues need to be fully addressed before discussion about contractual inclusion with Granby Sanitation District commences. Mr. Baird and Mr. Foster left the meeting at this time.

The next item on the agenda was discussion about single-family equivalent (SFE) rating for hot tubs that discharge to the public sewer. After considerable discussion the Board decided that amending the District's SFE schedule is not necessary at this time. Staff was directed to research how other resort areas handle multiple hot tub connections in commercial properties.

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The minutes from the regular meeting held on June 10, 2015 were considered. Casey Farrell moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kelly Griesch and unanimously approved.

Next, the bills listing and financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Debra Brynoff moved to pay the bills and approve the financial reports. Nancy Stuart seconded and the motion was unanimously approved

No action was necessary this month in regards to delinquencies.

Thom Yoder reviewed the Operations Report and discussed the following matters:

- The plant is running well and flows were up in June and the same is expected for July.
- Staff continues cleaning and inspecting the District's collection system.
- Staff also continues to monitor the Town of Granby's Moraine Park water project to protect sewer infrastructure.
- Josh Hardy passed his Wastewater Operator D and Collection Systems I certification exams and will now be included in weekend/on-call rotation with supervision.
- Dan plans on taking his Wastewater Operator B certification exam this fall.
- Annual compost testing results are in and exhibit consistent product quality.
- COWARN, a CDPHE established a cooperative program between water and wastewater entities to assist participating entities during emergency situations, sent new contract documents to be considered. Rod McGowan will review and the matter will be discussed at the August, 2015 meeting. Thom plans to discuss the program with other wastewater providers at the East Grand Water Quality Board meeting this week.
- During a previous emergency call-out, a significant accumulation of grease was found in the collection system in the area of the restaurant located at 52 4<sup>th</sup> Street. At that time Thom had contacted the property owner, Tom Curry, to discuss the lack of a grease trap for the property. It has come to Thom's attention that a new restaurant recently opened and a grease trap has yet to be installed. The Board directed Thom to send a letter to Mr. Curry to advise him that pursuant to the District's Rules and Regulations, installation of grease traps are required and requesting that he provide an update on compliance.

Tammy Granger gave the Administrative report as written. The Board authorized Tammy to upgrade to Caselle's Software Assurance/Connect at the cost of \$1,573/year. She also advised the Board that the website platform with SIPA has been established and she will begin designing a website for the District. She also inquired if the Board was inclined to consider rate changes for 2016. The Board does not plan on raising rates in 2016.

In the Attorney's report Rod McGowan advised that the deadline for the auditor to file the District's audit with the State Auditor is July 31, 2015. The deadline to notify the Clerk and Recorder of a TABOR election is July 21, 2015. The Lease Extension for the animal shelter lease was signed by the District's President and Secretary and Rod will forward it to Grand County for their consideration and approval.

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There being no further business to come before the Board it was duly moved by Casey Farrell, seconded by Nancy Stuart and unanimously adopted that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

  
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Casey Farrell, Secretary