



## Board Meeting

September 23, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 2:05 p.m. by Steve Lasswell

Roll Call: Steve Lasswell, Greg Smith, Randy Wilhelm, Charles Bogle (via zoom), Peter Ewing (via zoom), Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Laura Ippolito (via zoom), Joe Montgomery, USDA, (via zoom), Cathy Fromm of Fromm and Company, LLC, District Management Company via zoom, and Christy DeNardo, Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc, our District Auditor via zoom

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Wilhelm

Additions to the October 21, 2021 Board Agenda

1. Second 61 Presentation
2. Board Stipend Policy

Administrative Reports

1. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint

CEBT Renewal Approval – to be addressed under New Business

Report on SDA – Successful Conference

Difficult Delinquent Accounts – There are no Difficult Delinquent Accounts!! Great job Laura!

Budget Work – Due to BOD by October 15<sup>th</sup> – Draft Budget to be presented at this meeting

2. District Operation Manager – Dave Schneider

a. Project updates

- a. Water Court – Final objector is ready to stipulate out. Dave will communicate with the water attorney to finalize one last negotiation. RMWSD will not have to go to water court.
- b. Johnson Ranch/Benoni Jarvis Reservoir – Monitoring well report has not been received. We need this report to complete the dry-up. Dave has reached out to Justin Korkus to expedite this report.
- c. Upper Ark interested in buying water Dave has communicated with Upper Ark and Engineering Analytics, our design engineers. Upper Ark has asked Engineering Analytics to flush out the PER on a few topics. RMWSD does not have enough storage and once we are full we do not have anywhere to put it. Upper Ark has agreed to buy it. Dave asked them to draft two agreements. Once the feasibility study is complete, it would state that they could invest 1/3 of the cost to draft the agreement or another agreement that we could sell them the spilled water. They have offered us \$50 per acre feet in the past. We have enough water rights to supply water to the properties that are available in the district. (To the year 2050)
- d. Water Tank Inspection moved to a date when the new Smith well is up and running.
- e. SDA – Funding class offered new opportunities
  - i. New technology and how it affects the districts

- ii. Funding from property taxes going down
- iii. Feds need to allow Special Districts to apply for Infrastructure funds. Peggy will update the board on Cole Karr's contact information. He is from the National Special District Coalition. He is working on behalf of SDA. Peter left the meeting at this time.
- f. Hazardous Mitigation participation – a chance that District may get some FEMA funds. Dave attended this meeting and offered our meeting room for the event.

## Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 19, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for August, 2021

Greg requested that the minutes reflect LRE state the full name of the entity. CHFA is the correct name for Colorado Housing Finance Authority. Randy wanted the board to know where we stand on the financials. RMWSD has had 10 taps purchased. Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Greg Smith. Motion passed 4-0

## Old Business

1. Audit Presentation – Christy DeNardo of Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc.; a draft copy of the 2020 Audit was presented. Christy stated that because of the last-minute completion, that the copy may have some typos, but the numbers are correct. There will need to be a few items that will need some adjustment. Audit needs to be approved prior to the September 30, 2021, deadline. After a few changes are made, the audit will be filed. Another satisfactory audit for the district.
2. Second 61 Gap Audit Presentation – This presentation was postponed due to Chase Weber's illness.
3. USDA funding discussion update: Joe Montgomery updated the Board on the status of USDA funding. He stated that it is not likely that RMWSD will get a grant package if the original application is de-obligated. DOLA will hang on to our grant money as long as we are actively applying for USDA funding. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting.
4. Iconergy project update; Dave and Peggy met with Clayton Reitz on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Clayton was in town for a site visit. It appears that the new well will be up and running by the Fall of 2022.
5. Board Stipend Policy – Tabled until the next Board meeting
6. Review talking points – Board discussed the documents that Greg Smith has been working on that will inform the district customers of the current status of our Wastewater Treatment Plant, (WWTP). Talking points will be information that will also be posted on the website and social media. Although it is a lot of information, it is important that the public knows all that is happening regarding our planned wastewater treatment plant.

## New Business

1. Approval of CEBT Renewal – Peggy Quint presented the renewal packet. Charles made a motion to approve the CEBT Renewal for 2022. Greg Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Peter Ewing was no longer attending via zoom.
2. Preliminary Draft Budget Review – Dave Schneider presented the draft copy of the 2022 Budget. After talking to Joe Montgomery, it will be necessary to adjust the sewer rate to not reflect the district needs for the WWTP funding. Water will increase because RMWSD promised 3% to 5% increases on an annual basis. This will continue as planned.

**WRAP UP**

**Greg Smith will send a copy of the Talking Points to Dave Schneider. Dave will look it over and have Peggy Quint send it out to the BOD.**

**Adjustments will be made to the budget as discussed. Peggy Quint will send out the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft copy out to the BOD.**

**Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.**