

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, December 21, 2023
2:00 P.M. – 3rd Street Gallery Building Conference Room

PUBLIC HEARING

Call to Order at 2:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Carlan Cardenas (zoom),
Randy Wilhelm, Charles Bogle (zoom), Mark Dembosky (zoom), Steve Lasswell (zoom), Connie Thompson
Public: Lucas Epp BOCC, Isaac Selden, Town of Silver Cliff (zoom), Elliott Jackson, Tribune (zoom) and Terry Gulliver

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Wilhelm

******BUDGET AMENDMENT PRESENTATION******

Changes to the 2023 Amendment
More revenue than budgeted and more spent than budgeted
Presented the Proposed Budget Amendment

Actual budget \$332K in additional revenue than budgeted

Audit Expense was up \$24K was for two audits
Purchased services is \$18K over what was budgeted
\$10k to the negative on our expenditures on general administration
Water Enterprises over in salaries
Repair and Maintenance over - due to piping repair on the highway in Silver Cliff
Total expenditures were \$1.2 million
RMWSD has over \$200K excess revenue over expenditures

There were no questions from the public in attendance.

Adjourn at 2:18 p.m.

*****BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*****

Call to Order at 2:19 p.m.

Additions to the January 18, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Personnel Policy – will discuss in Executive Session
2. Steven Koch's request
3. Resolution regarding meeting location and time

Administrative Reports

1. Assistant District Manager – Peggy Quint
 - a. A lot of sickness amongst the staff since Thanksgiving
 - b. Peggy's computer had to be sent to CBS of Colorado to be fixed.

c. Peggy took some vacation time and now has a reasonable balance of vacation time.

2. ORC – Steven Koch

- Report in Board Packet
 - The Backflow Prevention Program is now in compliance – just a few properties that remain, over 90% are completed.
 - Lead and Copper Revised Regulations Project – CDPHE expects us to survey everything in the district. Anything that is lead must be removed from the service line.
 - Mandate on private property and in homes. Dave is not a proponent of that mandate. The customer will be contacted about inspecting their plumbing. Customers will answer surveys about what kind of plumbing they have in their homes. This is a major time commitment, and a visual/ physical inspection will be required by October 2024. RMWSD has just a few lead pig tails. Early service lines were almost all steel/ galvanized lines. Charles requested that the Field Techs know how much the BOD appreciate their hard work.
- Chlorine injection lines at the Smith Well are using CTS Poly that is used also for the service lines. Field Techs replumbed the whole unit with schedule 80 pvc pipe and did a great job! It is back online.
- Pressure Reducing Valves is the responsibility of the property owner, and this is standard practice in the water industry. We will have a consultant come into the district to help us with these types of challenges.

3. District Manager – Dave Schneider

- Well project is mostly complete. The generator should be here on the 9th of January. Solar array has had a few issues, but these have been resolved. The inverter box had malfunctioned, and it was replaced and was covered by warranty.
- Reservoir Project – Dave met with Upper Ark on final design and concepts and changes on the project. There were only a few operational changes that were made and sent to the State for approval. Once approved, final design drawings can be wrapped up, and then RFP's can be sent out so that by Spring the project can be started.
- DeWeese project – RMWSD was contacted regarding the 36-inch discharge line in the dam. Dave met with them and discussed our responsibility for the cost of this. We purchased storage of 35 acre-feet of storage in the reservoir, we are responsible for 12.04% of the repair and maintenance of the dam. Dave wanted to clarify our cost of the project, since they were talking about a multi-million-dollar project. This will cost us about \$15k. This could take some time to finalize, and it may not even happen in 2024. There will be a significant drainage of the reservoir.
- WWTP – The emergency meeting was beneficial. Dave and Charles met with a few people to clarify what the State needs for the Pilot Project. Dave Schneider is interpreting the CDPHE rejection letter along with David Kurtz. Some items that looked like requirements, were more suggestions for the future. Once clarified, Dave felt like a slight amendment to the design concept was all that was needed. After talking to Dave Kurtz, he would like us to do two pilots at one time – one with bio-augmentation and optimization of the lagoon and a small pilot with the EC unit. This would not require a new pond. We can use our existing plant and optimize it. De-Sludging would be needed, and then installing (re-usable) temporary skirting and aerators. Dave Kurtz is not a proponent of the single-cell algae as an oxygen producer and combine that with the bio. He suggested we use the optimized lagoon treatment with the fine bubbled fusers and see the results and maybe combine that with biological augmentation, then the greenhouse won't be needed, and the algae can be used for oxygen. The existing lagoons can be used and kept online. This would cost roughly

\$800k. The concept for the Electro Coagulation unit is to install a small, skid 6 gallon per minute Electro Coagulation unit and put it in the existing building on site. It is a sufficient and more accurate size than the larger unit originally planned. A 9 gallon per minute Electro Coagulation unit is about \$1m. Dave would suggest to the Board to Request for Proposal (RFP) to find another engineering company that believes in alternative technology and is willing to help us so that we can establish this State required pilot project. An engineering firm to do the actual demonstration application would be needed. Dave would request a consensus from the BOD to move forward with this great idea! The Board agreed. Charles would like clarification from Dave Kurtz stating that the requirements stated were recommendations. He would like to see an amended demonstration application design with our existing lagoons with a small EC unit. Kurtz has approved the EC unit for metals, arsenic, and phosphorus removal. Dave wants to prove to him that coliform bacteria viruses can be removed so that dichlorination and UV won't be needed. He also wants to confirm that BOD TSS can be in the nondetective numbers. We are still pursuing a \$1 million grant with DOLA in the April round of fund dispersing. With tap sales, we should be able to fund the rest of the project. Consensus of the board is to let Dave Schneider pursue the initiatives with CDPHE with a new understanding of Dave Kurtz's intent with previous communication. A follow-up meeting with the consultants is in order to explain the new understanding to Dave Kurtz.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 6, 2023, Special Board Meeting
2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2023, Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
3. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for November 2023
Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Randy Wilhelm, seconded by Connie Thompson. Motion approved with a 5-0 Vote.

Old Business

1. Budget Amendment Resolution 2023-18 states the amounts of revenue and the expenses that were incurred and explained in the Public Hearing. With a few revisions, Connie Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-18. Randy Wilhelm seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
2. Resolution 2023-19 to Lift Moratorium – Dave Schneider recommended that the Board lift the moratorium. Improvements to the lagoon will allow the district to process the growth that will be brought on by lifting the moratorium. After a change to some verbiage in the Resolution, Connie Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2023-19. Mark Dembosky seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

1. Resolution 2023-20 for Amended Rules and Regulations – Section 2.3 to change the verbiage that will remove any chance of customers requesting a refund on taps purchased. Dave read the changes that were made and will be reflected in the Rules and Regulations of Round Mountain Water and Sanitation. Motion made by Connie Thompson, seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Delinquency Policy Change –Resolution 2023-21 to change the policy regarding delinquent accounts. Copies were included in the Board Packet. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-21 was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
3. Excuse Mark Dembosky from November 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Motion made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.
4. Personnel Policy and discussion – per Connie Thompson

Executive Session: §24-6-402 (4) (f), C.R.S. Personnel Matters Dave Schneider and Peggy Quint,
District Manager and Assistant District Manager, and Steven Koch, ORC, Carlan
Cardenas, Office Assistant
Personnel Policy Change

Executive Session entered at 4:02 p.m.

Exited Executive Session at 4:26 p.m.

Resumed Regular session and meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

