

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, October 17, 2024

2:00 P.M. – 3rd Street Gallery Building Conference Room
In-person or via zoom

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Mark Dembosky and Connie Thompson
Peggy Quint, Carlan Cardenas via zoom, Steven Koch and Elliott Jackson, Tribune via zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Public input for those not on the agenda will be limited to 3 minutes.

Additions to the November 21, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Public Hearing presenting 2025 Budget and Rate Increases for Water/Wastewater and Bulk Water

Administrative Reports

1. Assistant District Manager – Peggy Quint

Report was in board packet. Mark suggested that we make sure we have the best security that is available. Charles is aware of an individual that has a business that specializes in IT security. Charles mentioned that the contract with CBS could be re-evaluated and see what this suggested company could provide. Dave and Peggy agreed that a firewall at the office should be installed. It provides another internet port that is not directly into CenturyLink. The cost to install is worth the security that it will provide. CBS has had some turnover and they are striving to give us with the best service they can provide. Managers will discuss and look over the contract with CBS.

Dave and Peggy met with a company that could broker our CSD Pool Property and Liability Insurance. Dave is leaning towards hiring them, but it probably won't happen for the 2025 Renewal. The cost is 6% for them to look over all of our insured property and our workman's comp. This company would be a good mediator for our policy. Since we do not currently have a broker, we get a 10% discount on our fees for insurance. They have the ability to negotiate a reduction in our fees for workmen's comp. Their fees are absorbed into the CSD Pool costs. They have offered to meet with the board via zoom if the board is interested. The board agreed to listen to their presentation. Dave will contact Brooke Gonzales and finalize that presentation.

2. ORC – Steven Koch

Wrapping down the season and getting prepped for Winter. They finished the 6-inch main on French Street. A pump went down at the lift station. It could take a year to get it fixed. It is a

'70s model and parts are not as easy to acquire. Steven has a backup plan. The district has a spare motor, we have a spare for the left side. If it fails, they will have to pull everything out and rebuild from the ground up to get the pump in and that could take a few hours to get it up and running. Eventually, we will upgrade the system and the pumps we will purchase at that time are not the same as the ones we have. We hope to keep these running until the upgrade is done. Time frame for the pump to be fixed is 60 to 90 days. Gage Ruth, the part time employee, is working hard on his senior year academics and wants to graduate in May. We will talk to him after graduation regarding his full-time employment with Round Mountain. The school counselor said he gets some elective credits from working at the district.

3. District Manager – Dave Schneider

Well/Meter Project – completing the performance sampling at the end of October. Then we will wait and see what the State decides about our test results. It is as low as possible. The temperature and conductivity that contrasts between the well and stream is just what is expected. The stream is all over and the well is constant. CDPHE will be sending the results of the test.

Reservoir – still waiting for the county planning and zoning to complete the paperwork on the approval on the undersized parcel so that we can buy it. Dave is working on getting that done. Dave talked to Darrel Geroux and they will meet next week and talk about the easement across his property for the discharge pipe for the reservoir. The State, Darrel Geroux, and Upper Ark have reached an agreement on the water right applications. It is good that they agree on this. Dave looked at a potential grant source, however, the grant source had a 200-acre foot minimum size. They were firm on the size requirement. Dave will meet with Upper Ark on the final reservoir designs. Upper Ark has their own engineer on site and there are a few items that need to be reviewed. The district design engineer can also review and evaluate using a double lined reservoir and install leak detection pipe between the two. Dave feels this is overkill on the design and would be very expensive. We have an existing capture system, but this would detect if there is a leak between the two linings. Dave will have a new cost once this is reviewed.

WWTP – Grant contract has been finalized with EPIC. Negotiating a contract with Denali for sludge removal. At this time the cost is \$238K. A local disposal location is still being discussed. We are hoping this keeps the price down to have local disposal. Dave received the contract today, but he hasn't had a chance to look it over.

Shop purchase – The board of adjustments approved the parcel, and Dave is working with the realtor regarding the final cost. Randy reminded Dave that there needs to be inspections. Both water and sewer are separate from the district. Electric is already installed. The septic was completed a few years ago. As far as shop renovations are concerned, the plan is to insulate the shop and the largest area. Heating will be supplemental and will be around 50 degrees. The office area will be isolated and can be heated separately. They would like to pull the side batting off and spray insulation foam. The cost to upgrade it will be incremental and done over time.

Water Augmentation – we are in great shape. Storage is full and the creek is still flowing.

CDPHE has decided to target trailer courts, tiny home parks, etc. and has decided that even though they are connected to our distribution system, and have more than 15 tenants, they will

be required to have their own private water distribution system. This will require a certified water operator, their own sampling protocol, backflow prevention, etc. This will apply to thousands of properties around the state of Colorado.

Bulk Water Haulers – the State is requiring them to do bac t testing. Once a month the bulk water will be tested for bac t so that we can prove it is not our water. It will be included in the monthly sampling that we are already taking for testing.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 19, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for September 2024**
Motion to approve was made by Randy Wilhelm. The minutes were not included in the consent agenda so that consent agenda will only include the financials. Seconded by Mark Dembosky. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

- 1. 2025 Budget Update –Public Hearing will be November 21st. This will start at 2:00 p.m. to present the 2025 Budget and the rate increases for Water/Wastewater and Bulk Water.**
- 2. Resolution 2024-12 Approval of the Social Media Policy for the District. Resolution and Policy were presented by Dave. Motion to approve was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Motion approved 5-0.**

New Business

- 1. Resolution 2024- 13 to approve purchase of new shop. Deferred to next month.**
- 2. Resolution 2024- 14 to approve purchase of Mr. McGuire’s property. Dave presented the resolution for the Gallery Well Augmentation Parcel stating the existing Gallery Well parcel size is insufficient to contain the correct reservoir footprint. This will allow the purchase of a parcel of land from the property owner. We have all the paperwork completed but are waiting for finalization. Once purchased, the lot line will be vacated, and a surveyor will redefine the actual lot lines. The formal name for the reservoir will be Reservoir one or two. Division II has an official name for it. We have a verbal commitment of \$20k for the parcel of land. The resolution authorized the purchase with the verbal agreement amount. Motion to approve was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Mark Dembosky. Motion carried 5-0.**

Adjourn at 3:11 p.m.