

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, April 20, 2023

Call to Order at 2:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, George Mowry, Connie Thompson, Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Mark Dembosky, Elliott Jackson (via zoom).

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Lasswell

No public comments as there were no visitors.

Additions to the May 18, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Resolution regarding the use of district property by district employees

Administrative Reports

1. Assistant District Manager – Peggy Quint

Website work is going great! Love the Streamline website! Preliminary audit work has begun. Received the list from our auditor to start compiling files. The SDA Regional Workshop is in Salida in June and Carlan and Peggy are attending. The board was also invited to attend. It's a good place to start getting acquainted with SDA and Legislation that impacts Special Districts in Colorado. Peggy is still working with Invoice Cloud and Caselle to get the reconciling of payments through the Invoice Cloud portal to be more manageable and less time consuming. Carlan continues to work on Accounts Payable and Bank Statements to make Corbin Fromm's Financial Statements easier to compile. Poster Contest was a great event. Working on getting customer files digitized with CBS of Colorado. Charles encouraged board members to attend events like the SDA Regional Workshop to better educate themselves on the district and special districts as there are over 3000 in the state.

2. ORC – Steven Koch

Steven provided an ORC report for the board members. Dave covered items in the report and answered questions from the board. CDOT is planning on redoing the highway from Westcliffe to Wetmore. We have been working with CDOT finding out exactly how deep they want to go because our curb boxes and manholes. Silver Cliff has several old, galvanized lines that cut across the highway. Initially the line replacement plan was to do the project in-house. However, CDOT has really tightened up their regulations when it comes to work being done along the highway. The district decided to hire Langston's Concrete to replace the service lines located in the highway. The bid came in at \$45K and the project was funded with funds from our capital improvement General Ledger account. Round Mountain didn't have to pay \$5k/day to close the road and the other bonus was that the water tap for Westcliffe Builders was installed and completed. Westcliffe Builders paid Langston separately to install their tap. Everything under that part of the highway is now updated. Field Techs have been working on the Johnson Ranch flume that was installed last year. They are resetting the flume as it has settled since and isn't level. Lead and copper survey work continues. Westcliffe is doing a chipseal project, so we are working with them to schedule prepping box and

manhole covers so that they don't get permanently sealed. The new service lines in Silver Cliff will be updated on the GIS maps.

3. District Manager - Dave Schneider

Well/Meter Project - on March 28, 2023, all of the meter endpoints stopped transmitting. This means that meter activity is not being sent to the office. At first, we thought it was a computer issue, but it was in the meter. It is unknown why all of them malfunctioned at the same time. The company that will replace the endpoints and batteries will be here on the first of May. Fortunately, Peggy had exported the meter reads the day before the meters malfunctioned. Caselle had the information needed to generate March's bills. April billing will need to be estimated. Hopefully, May will be available to export once the replacement is complete. The well project is moving along now that the parts that have been on order for 6 months have arrived. Dave shared some photos of the contact chambers, which is a 30-inch diameter pipe that is 4 inches thick. This is used as a chlorine contact chamber so that the water is treated before it reaches the first customer. The second water quality tests are completed, and Dave is waiting on the results. The electric installation is completed. The solar array is completed, operational and approved by the state. On a sunny day, the solar panels can put out about 55kw. Inside work on the meter, the chlorine injections system, and the plumbing will be worked on next week. Hopefully this will all be online in sixty days.

Reservoir Project - Dave met with all the stakeholders last week and reviewed the final design of the reservoir. Most attendees had concerns over the reservoir fill line and pump system. The proposed design includes a 24-inch pipe that is gravity fed back to the stream, and uses two large pumps to pump in. The problem is that no one anticipated that from the bottom of the new reservoir to the stream is only about a nine-foot difference in drop, which is a very small grade in over a quarter of a mile. It will cost a little over \$1m just to install because it has to be bored in. They are proposing boring, but not sure how they could guarantee a .4 or .5 percent grade in a quarter of a mile by boring. It is unknown what is underground. There could be a rock shelf. No one felt good about that. A new concept is going to be discussed.

WWTP update - Got a response from CDPHE on the updated demonstration report. The good news is that they are comfortable with the electrocoagulation process as a treatment. They aren't nearly as comfortable with the biological treatment that we are proposing. They claim that short-term, isolated tests are not sufficient, and they want longer-term tests at a full-size facility. Dave is not sure what that means for RMWSD and is in discussion with CDOHE as to what testing protocols are necessary. On a positive note, the engineer is accepting the lowest parameter that the lab can test for as acceptable limits to achieve. Dave hopes by the next board meeting, he will have some of those questions answered. Decisions will need to be made once we have those answers.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for March 2023**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Randy Wilhelm. Connie Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

1. Excuse Charles Bogle from March 23, 2023, Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Motion to excuse Charles Bogle from the March 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting was made by Steve Lasswell and seconded by George Mowry. Motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Bogle did not vote)
2. District Property use by district employees – Policy Change
Motion to approve the change in policy was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Motion passed 5-0. A Resolution will be written for the next meeting to be approved.

Old Business

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE SCHNEIDER!!!
Thank you, George Mowry, for serving on the board!

Adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

