



Board Meeting

December 16, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 2:19 p.m.

Roll Call – Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Greg Smith, Peter Ewing, Randy Wilhelm - Board Members

Tracey Ballard, Connie and Jack Thompson, Tom Flower - Public in Attendance

Laura Ippolito, Steven Koch, Dave Schneider and Peggy Quint - RMWSD Staff in Attendance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Lasswell

Additions to the January 20, 2022, Board Agenda

1. Resolutions regarding the Public Meeting Notice Locations, Times and Dates

Administrative Reports

District Business Manager – Peggy Quint

- SQL Server installation is scheduled for December 17, 2021
- Customers are starting to register with Aquahawk and are quite pleased with the “dashboard”
- Billing should be more and more automated. Expecting December to be better than November
- Fromm will be meeting with us in person soon for training for Laura Ippolito and preparing for Audit
- End of month will include billing, month-end, quarter-end and year-end tasks

1. District Operation Manager – Dave Schneider

- Johnson Ranch water rights update – the water case objectors have finally, after two years, stipulated out. In the next two months, this case will go before the water judge to be approved. As part of the stipulation, we will be required by Division II to add an additional measuring metal flume where the creek exits the ranch to prove or disapprove that there hasn't been any water loss in transit or evaporative loss. The flume will be installed in the Spring of 2022.
- Lane Ditch dry-up – we still have one active ditch on the Johnson Ranch that we have been working to dry up for the last three years. Our water engineer has drafted up a report to take to Division II. On December 17, 2021, there will be a meeting with the attorney and water engineer to finalize the report and it will be sent to Division II for them to review. There will then be a meeting to negotiate the final dry-up on the Lane Ditch. That will free up the property so that we can put it up for sale. Dave explained to Division II that we would like to accomplish this as soon as possible

so that we can sell the property and use the funds for the reservoir that they are mandating us to install. They are willing to work with us, however, one of their staff members passed away. Because of this, they are reorganizing tasks. Jerry Livengood will oversee the Lane Ditch dry-up discussion.

- Engineering Analytics will be in Westcliffe to visit to take some pictures on the McGuire property where the potential diversion will be for water to be pumped.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for November 2021
Motion made by Randy Wilhelm and a Second by Greg Smith. Motion passed 5-0

New Business

1. Resolution 2021-12 to Establish a moratorium of water and sewer tap sales effective January 1, 2022. Motion was made by Randy Wilhelm. Second was made by Steve Laswell. Randy requested that Dave read some of the Rules and Regs to reiterate the definition of “building”. Vote in favor of approving the motion was 5-0.
2. Johnson Ranch/Coleman Lease renewal for 2022 – Dave recommends that Round Mountain does not renew the lease with the Colemans since the dry-up should be complete in early Spring 2022 and RMWSD plans on putting the property on the market. If we allow cattle on the property in the Spring, they will have to be allowed to remain there until the end of the year. Motion to NOT renew the lease was made by Steve Lasswell and seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Motion was approved 5-0.
3. Second 61 pricing for recommended services – Copies of the proposal have been inserted in the Board Packets. Peggy recommends that we move forward with IT Support. Chase Weber stated that the account with GoDaddy needs to expire prior to changing to a more secure program. The computer at the shop needs to be replaced. It is our oldest computer that the district owns. Dave said that what the proposal states is that support would be just over \$300.00/month, plus travel expenses of \$100.00/hour. Charles suggested that we let the GoDaddy contract expire and make a decision at that time. There are funds put in the budget for this type of expenditure. The cost to switch from GoDaddy to another program would be over \$4,000.00 as per Chase’s proposal. More research will be done prior to any more decisions. Charles suggests that the board authorizes the staff to make the decision regarding Second 61. There are a lot of gray areas of the proposal. The consensus of the board is to work out the details of the contract or to look for another company.
4. Decide to pursue involvement in Water Case 21CW3071 change of decree - Water Attorney, Bob Krassa has brought this water case to our attention and asked for it to be reviewed and consider that RMWSD become an objector in this case. Dave has previewed this case and does not feel that we need to have a “dog in this fight.” This case is concerning the middle and south Taylor Creeks that flow in quite close to Lake DeWeese. If it were below Taylor, it would be worth our time because that directly effects the amount of water or lack thereof in that part of the stream that has the propensity to dry up. The amount that it will affect us is not worth the money spent. Dave recommends that we watch this from the sidelines and let the people that this more

directly impacts address the situation. Motion to refrain from becoming involved in this case was made by Greg Smith, seconded by Randy Wilhelm, was approved 5-0.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan have requested a Water/Wastewater Tap. This is for property that is North of the Silver Dome across Hwy 96. The Board needs to determine the cost of that tap because the ERU will be over "1". There will be twelve units on that tap. They will connect the existing system and run a sewer line underneath the highway and end at a manhole. The system that will be installed will be below grade of our current sanitary system. They will have a collection and install a low-pressure pump with a three-inch line that will go into our gravity-feed system and continue down the sewer line. Nolan's responsibility for installation and maintenance will be to the highway. The ERU's will be determined by how many units. The water tap will be about \$33,700. Rules and Regs state \$5000.00 for one ERU and multiplying this by twelve, makes it too expensive. The charge is one full ERU for one unit and the rest are charged .8 ERU. This equals 9.8 ERU's. This is in the "mobile home" category. Lisa Nolan stated that the categories would be more like RV's than mobile homes. An RV Park is not always being used and the demand is not year-round. These units will be occupied all year long. That is why they will be charged the same as the mobile homes. The occupancy will be one to two people in four hundred square feet. The cost of the tap fee at 9.5 ERUs will be a deal breaker for the Nolans. They could afford closer to the 7.0 ERUs. That would still be \$10,000 more than they had originally budgeted. RMWSD will have additional loading to the system, but the district will not have the maintenance. Dave suggested that the tap fee for this self-contained project be 6 ERU for the tap or \$30,000 for the wastewater and \$33,700 for water with \$63,700.00 total. The monthly ERU would be 9.8 but will be negotiated at a later date. Dave required the Nolans to have this project completely engineered. Motion to implement those taps fees were made by Randy Wilhelm, seconded by Steve Lasswell. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
6. Field Techs would like a stipend increase for the cell phones. Aquahawk is requiring a certain feature on cell phones. One field tech's phone does not have that feature. Steven Koch recommended that instead of two cell phones, that the stipend covers the cost to have the phone that is needed to do their job at RMWSD. The current stipend is \$80. Dave recommends that we cap it at \$100.00. Board will vote on this at the next meeting. Dave will have the field techs do some research and will let the board know what they report.

Old Business

1. Resolution 2021-13 to Approve District's Water and Wastewater Tap Fee increase for 2022
Motion was made by Randy Wilhelm and a second by Peter Ewing. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Resolution 2021-14 to Adopt RMWSD Board Stipend Policy. Motion was made by Steve Lasswell and a second by Peter Ewing. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Iconergy project update – Meters are 99% installed. Only a few left due to accessibility issues. The last of the big lids were installed this week. Training on installation of meters will be scheduled. The Aquahawk dashboard is up and running for customers. They are registering online to access the customer dashboard. The well portion of the project is moving forward the well and water treatment design was sent to CDPHE. That will take 60 to 90 days for approval. RFPs for well drillers have been sent out. By the time we hear back from CDPHE, we should be ready to drill the well. Solar Array will start this winter. We have started to see reimbursement from the grants. We are processing checks for Iconergy. There is \$164,000 that could come in this month.

Peggy Quint requested that those participating via zoom to please mute the microphones and try to not talk over others. The spacebar will unmute the microphone when communication is needed. This will make typing up the minutes much easier. Thanks to all!

Adjourn at 4:00 p.m.