

Board Meeting via Zoom Video

March 18, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order 2:05

Roll Call: Steve Lasswell, Peggy Quint, Greg Smith, Peter Ewing, Laura Ippolito, Dave Schneider, Randy Wilhelm, Justin Korkus from Engineering Analytics and Clint Brown from Engineering Analytics

Pledge of Allegiance

Due to the current situation with the Corona Virus, meeting will be either by conference call or video conference. Public input will continue to be limited to 3 minutes.

Additions to the April 15, 2021 Board Agenda: None

Administrative Reports

1. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint
Waiting on a date for a site visit from Fromm. Everything is going well in the office.
2. District Operation Manager – Dave Schneider
We will be interviewing Justin Korkus and Clint Brown (Engineering Analytics) Justin Korkus introduced himself and his background in RMWSD projects. Justin would like to continue working with us as the water resource engineer. Clint Brown introduced himself and his background. There was a discussion on how the budget would be affected with the transition over to Clint Brown. Justin mentioned that Clint has been involved with project since the pre-feasibility study and feels the impact on the budget will be minimal or non-existent.

Draper property: There was an inspection done and there were significant issues that came up with the house. The buyer came back with a counteroffer of \$195,000 and he will take care of all issues. Dave recommended countering at \$225,000 and let the buyer take care of issues.

Approval of 225K counteroffer:

Motion: Greg Smith Second: Peter Ewing Vote: 4-0

Dave gave update on the Benoni Jarvis reservoir water decree. We received comments from opposers. There are 3 main concerns. The biggest is our desire to use the Gallery as a diversion point to fill up the reservoir. Second, they want a live stream from Deweese up to our new one. The third is a location and design of what will be built where. We need to hire a company to help us get past the conceptual stage. Our response back to them is due April 26th.

The Iconergy project is moving forward. We did receive the paperwork for the execution of the grant. We are looking at getting different meters because the brass ones we were going to purchase are no longer available.
Dave will be going to a water conference in Denver in April.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
(Change wording from Public Meeting to Public Hearing)
2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2021 Emergency Board Meeting
3. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for February 2021

Motion: Randy Wilhelm

Second: Peter Ewing

Vote: 4-0

Old Business

1. Update on USDA Funding: Dave is waiting on response.
2. Clarification regarding on-call and overtime compensation: Dave discussed the state regulation for compensatory time and overtime and on-call time. Comp time is only for on-call duty. We have changed our personnel policy to reflect the state regulation. Dave will do more research on this subject and bring it back up next meeting.
3. Pay increase for Dave Schneider, District Operations Manager, for achieving higher level operator certifications: With the previously approved pay increase of \$3.00 an hour for the state required certifications he received, Dave is requesting the increase be brought back to March 1st. These certifications are required by the state for the operation of the district.

Motion: Peter Ewing

Second: Greg Smith

Vote: 4-0

Discussed if district managers should be put on salaries. This needs to be looked at further.

New Business

1. Discussion to retain Justin Korkus as Water Resources Engineer: Dave recommends keeping Justin on board at least for the Johnson Ranch dry-up and the finishing of the water case because he has knowledge of our system. Consensus is to retain Justin Korkus.

2. Discussion to hire Clint Brown for design and construction of Benoni Jarvis Reservoir: Dave recommends taking on Engineering Analytics as the engineering firm for the design and installation of the new reservoir. Dave can talk to SDA to see if there are requirements to look at other firms.
3. Resolution for Authorizing Design and Engineering Grant funds disbursement: Resolution 2021-5. Dave sent it in for approval to our attorney. They are giving us a 100% forgivable loan. We pay 20% up front then it will be reimbursed later. The grant has been executed but the loan has not been executed yet.

Motion to approve resolution 2021-5 to execute a loan agreement between the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority and RMWSD

Motion: Greg Smith

Second: Peter Ewing

Vote: 4-0

Peggy read information she received from Cathy Fromm regarding salaried positions. We would need to think it through and research before making any decision on this.

Update: Jackson and Sterling are going to be working on getting needed certifications.

Steve mentioned Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD) is working with 13 counties, including Custer County with a program called CEDS. Their goal is to help these counties to get federal money to do projects. This program is redone every 5 years. Dave will send in applications to SCEDD to include the wastewater plant, meters & well, the reservoir, and water infrastructure upgrades.

Adjourn: 3:40