



## Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Gallery Building

Call to Order at 2:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Greg Smith (via zoom), Peter Ewing (via zoom), David Schneider, Peggy Quint, Laura Ippolito. Randy Wilhelm was absent. Cathy Snow (via zoom) and Kathy Reis (via zoom) were the only public in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Lasswell

Additions to the November 18, 2021 Board Agenda

1. Public Hearing – Tap Fee Increase
2. Second 61 – Update
3. Excuse Randy Wilhelm from 11/4/2021 meeting
4. Approve 2022 Budget, Water and Sewer Rate Increase, and Bulk Water Rate Increase

### Public Hearing

Dave Schneider shared a power point informational slide presentation. This explained the reasons why rates need to increase. Some history of the district was given with highlights of the future plans, wastewater treatment needs and current projects and the costs that are involved with each project. The meter replacement project and the new well project were covered as well as the reservoir requirements.

- 2022 Budget was presented with explanation of any larger dollar amount changes from 2021.
- Water and Sewer rate increases were explained and what they cover.
- Bulk Water rate increase amounts and why they need to increase.

Letter of support from Town of Westcliffe, Town of Silver Cliff and BOCC for Solar Farm on RMWSD's 40 Acres: At this time, the district is looking into alternative methods to meet the State requirements for wastewater treatment and this property may need to be used for evaporative processing.

### Administrative Reports

District Business Manager – Peggy Quint

\* Aquahawk program is moving forward with great success! Installation of meters is roughly one week from completion. The staff time saved in meter reading and manually entering meter reads will be countless hours and costs. It takes about 15 seconds to export meter reads from Aquahawk into Caselle.

\* Peggy is waiting on a report from Second 61 that will reflect the cost to hire them as IT for Round Mountain. Chase Weber will be sending the report by the next board meeting.

District Operation Manager – Dave Schneider

- Dave met with Brett with CDPHE regarding the challenge that RMWSD is up against. Electro Coagulation was discussed. Dave is taking samples to Red Rocks for a test to see if this process can be used and if the requirements that CDPHE can be met. If the results come back with the numbers that are expected, Dave will reach out to Brett and let him know that this type of wastewater could be a possibility for RMWSD. Dave will keep the BOD posted as to updates on this Agenda item.

**Reminder... There will be a Board of Directors Meeting November 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

Wrapping up... Greg Smith spoke to John Van Doran regarding the talking points that were sent for community support letters. Greg feels that as far as public pressure on our elected officials, not much is going to happen for quite some time.

Adjourn at 4:07 p.m.