

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Held: Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at 8495  
Fontaine Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80925.

#### Attendance

##### Directors in Attendance Were:

\*Mark Watson, President  
Frank Watson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mark Dunsmoor, Vice President  
Dan Ittner, Assistant Secretary  
Jim Mesite, Jr., Director

\*arrived where noted

##### Directors Absent (excused):

None.

##### Also in Attendance:

Lucas Hale, District Manager  
Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland, General Counsel  
Member of the Public: Avery McGlenn, Patricia Ewing, and Ryan  
Watson

#### Call to Order

Vice President Dunsmoor noted that a quorum of the Board was present and that the Directors had confirmed their continuing qualification to serve, and therefore called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Widefield Water and Sanitation District to order at 12:05 p.m.

#### Notice

Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by law. The notice also included the agenda items. Certification of such posting is attached hereto.

#### Disclosure Matters

Vice President Dunsmoor reported that conflict of interest statements had been received from all directors and previously filed with the Secretary of State at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Copies of the statements are on file with and available from the Colorado Secretary of State.

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## Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the November 15, 2022 regular meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of such meeting were approved.

## Financial Matters

### - Monthly Financials:

Mr. Hale reported that there was an increase in cash for the month of October due to positive operations. A decrease in net receivables because the Air Force made its reimbursement on PFAs operations expenses under the current ESA. Seasonal water usage has decreased as expected. Professional fees increased in October due to activity in 11 water court cases that are currently pending and getting closer to trial dates. Performance bonuses were paid to several employees this month. Repairs were made at Jimmy Camp lift station. Chemicals expense increased due to replenishing sodium hydrochloride. For the month of October, six new water and sewer taps, and five water resource acquisition fees were collected.

**Question from Director Ittner:** How far do the Air Force payments lag behind invoices?

**Mr. Hale:** Typically, about 90 days but this was a bit longer due to discussions about renewal of the ESA. The agreement has now been extended as well.

Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the monthly financials.

## District Manager's Report

Mr. Hale reported on the District's discussions with Calgon regarding use of the District's pilot skid for testing of new carbon filtration methods for PFAS. The District will be allowing use of the equipment while Calgon is responsible for all other costs of the pilot study. Backup generators have been shipped and that project is currently on-schedule. There were three service lines repaired in December. CDPHE has requested an increase in sampling for the JHW wells that the District will be completing in the future. Contractors drilled through a 12" main in Aspen View but have since repaired. The District was on-site for this repair activity. The District may be looking to hire a new wastewater operator in 2023 to meet increasing demands. CDPHE is also requiring sampling of wastewater cake for PFAS. Mr. Hale reported that there may be legislation coming within the year to limit labeling wipes as "flushable" in Colorado. One water operator left the District leaving the District currently down two employees. The District is working on a program to inventory customer service lines to comply with the EPA lead and copper rules.

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**Question from Director Mesite:** How many customers were impacted by Aspen View outage?

**Mr. Hale:** 129 homes in total. The entire subdivision was without water for several hours. Completion of the upper west to east project is expected to bring more redundancy to this area of new development in the District's service area.

Director Mesite and Mr. Hale discussed EPA process for inventory of service area for lead service lines.

- Policy on  
Electronic  
Recording of  
District Facilities

Mr. Hale presented the Policy on Electronic Recording of District Facilities to the Board. Mr. Hale explained the phenomenon of "first amendment audits" where members of the public demand access to film or photograph government buildings and facilities, often being confrontational and refusing to self-identify or explain their activities. Mr. Norris described the constitutional issues relating to the proposed Policy and that the District has valid and justifiable reasons for limiting access to certain areas in the interests of maintaining security for its water and wastewater system. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution Adopting a Policy on Electronic Recording of District Facilities as presented.

## Engineer's Report

Mr. Hale reported that Mr. Bannister was sick and he would provide the Engineers' report. The Rolling Hills Tank project is completed pending final payment. The Rolling Hills Booster Pump station concrete forms have been poured but the low temps are slowing the curing. Aspen View Booster Pump station is also delayed for similar reasons. The 2022 cured-in-place pipe work was completed.

**Question from Director Mark Dunsmoor:** Are we starting to see any loosening of delays in the supply chain for construction materials?

**Mr. Hale:** In certain areas, but there are still issues with specific items for such as metal roofing, larger site valves, pumps, piping, and vehicles.

*President Watson arrived.*

**Question from Director Jim Mesite, Jr:** Will extreme temperatures impact the projects you are trying to finish before Christmas?

**Mr. Hale:** It will affect certain things such as concrete, but things like the installation of PVC piping can proceed. There are no projects that are significantly behind schedule.

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**Attorney's Report** None.

**Public Comment** **Avery McGlenn:** Requested information regarding historic service to Fountain Valley Schools. Mr. Hale provided background and explanation showing the District's service area map. President Watson also described his meeting with Fountain Valley School officials when PFAS was originally brought to the District's attention and the District's actions to change operations and begin treating and removing PFAS.

**Other Business** The Board discussed moving the meetings to a 1:30 start time for 2023 but to remain on the third Tuesday of the month. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the new meeting start time for regular meetings in 2023.

**Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.



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Secretary