

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Held: Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at 8495 Fontaine Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80925.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance Were:

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

Directors Absent (excused):

None.

Also in Attendance:

Lucas Hale, District Manager
Kelly Smith, Director of Administrative Services
Rob Bannister, District Engineer
Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland, P.C.
Member of the public: Jean Smith

Call to Order

President Mark Watson 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 12:09 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

President Mark Watson 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 January 18, 2022 regular meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of such meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Matters - Monthly Financials:

Mr. Hale reported that cash increased by approximately \$4,000,000 due to the collection of tap fees. Lorson opted to purchase as many as they were able to in 2021 prior to the tap fee increase for 2022.

Question from Director Dunsmoor: How many have been sold in the year?

Mr. Hale: 936 water taps, 918 sewer taps and 891 water resource acquisition fees in the past year.

Mr. Hale noted that water revenue remained consistent but the water payments by the District increased due to variable payments to the Fountain Valley Authority. Employee gross payroll increased due to the issuance of bonuses paid to manager and one additional work day in December. Depreciation was adjusted to fully depreciate equipment. Several sewer main repairs have been completed which increased maintenance expenses. There was a \$39,000 expense for tools due to year-end purchases of various tools needed to be replaced. Other operating expenses included additional safety equipment. For the month of December, 255 ½ water taps, 253 sewer taps, and 255 ½ water resource acquisition fees were collected. This was a record for the District due to Lorson's large year-end purchase.

Question from Director Ittner: What is the "other income increase" item?

Mr. Hale: The District also collected meter installation and inspector fees at the same time as the tap fees and those code as "other income."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the monthly financials.

Manager's Report

Mr. Hale presented the unaudited 2021 Budget to Actual comparison to the Board.

**Director Frank Watson then arrived.*

Question from Director Dunsmoor: How was the lower west to east project so under budget?

Mr. Hale: The District did not have to pave or re-pave as much road surface and the COVID impacts to the project ended up being far less than anticipated.

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Mr. Hale reported that they are under the monthly goal for sewer cleaning in January due to employees out with COVID but they are back to full staff now and will make up the goal deficit in coming months. PFAs legislation may be coming for testing biosolids. The technology does not currently exist for this but the District will continue to monitor. They are installing carbon filters on the manholes in several locations to help with the odor. New water pumps have been installed at Well W2. A tour of the treatment plant was recently given to Colorado College students. The UCMR 5 was issued in December and now includes 29 PFAs compounds. The District will be continuing to treat for these. The District is meeting with the Air Force next week regarding the renewal of the ESA.

Mr. Hale then presented the Resolution Designating a Representative to the Widefield Aquifer Recharge Association. Mr. Hale noted that formal authorization was requested by the Bank for WARA to have authorizations on its account. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Resolution Designating a Representative to the Widefield Aquifer Recharge Association presented.

**Director Mesite then arrived.*

Engineer's Report

Mr. Bannister reported that the Rolling Hills Tank should be completed soon and may be disinfected and usable by the end of February. The Trails at Aspen Ridge pump station project is out to bid. Two more projects are to go out to bid this week as well. The District has issued commitment letters for Lorson Ranch – the last subdivision in that area – and they will then start to move development north into the Bull Hill area. Three contractors were shortlisted and the District received proposals from each contractor.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Norris reported on the work being done to negotiate an update to the Venetucci Abeyance Agreement.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.


Secretary