

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Held: Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 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
Dan Ittner, Assistant Secretary
Frank Watson, Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Mesite, Jr., Director

**Arrived where noted*

Directors Absent (excused):

Also in Attendance:

Lucas Hale, District Manager
Robert Bannister, District Engineer
Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland, General Counsel
Members of the Public: Ryan Watson and Jean Smith

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 12:01 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.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the May 16, 2023 regular meeting with Director Mesite noting a typo. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of such meeting were approved as amended to correct the typo as noted.

Financial Matters

Monthly Financials

Mr. Hale presented the monthly financials noting that a decrease of approximately five million dollars in cash corresponding to a similar reduction in accounts payable due to payment for a large amount of pipe delivered for the Upper West to East project.

**President Watson arrived at approximately 12:06 p.m.*

Mr. Hale continued his presentation of the monthly financials noting that water revenue increased due to typical seasonal usage changes. New wastewater billing averaging just went into effect for this year, resulting in a slight decrease in wastewater fees collected. The District paid Security for Venetucci operating costs of about \$11,000 for the District's share of Security's operation expenses of the treatment plant. Security's billing has been sporadic and Mr. Hale has requested that they provide at least quarterly bills to be able to plan for. Professional fees increased for the month primarily due to completion of the annual audit and water rights attorney fees. Health insurance expenses appear to have increased in April with the annual dividend being issued in the prior month. Waste water treatment chemicals expense decreased substantially during the month. The District collected 15.5 water, 14.5 water resource acquisition, and 8 sewer tap fees in the month. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the financials.

District Manager's Report

Mr. Hale discussed the managers' report with the Board. Water samples taken came back with higher amounts of cooper than were expected. The District is looking into possible errors in the sampling and testing to confirm the findings, however, no violations or exceedances have occurred. The District is having trouble with their existing lab/testing vendor and will be switching to a new lab services provider. Two customer water complaints relating to smell were reported during the month. Both of the complaints came from previously uninhabited homes located next to each other. The water lines in the two homes needed to be thoroughly flushed. The wastewater team exceed jetting goals for the month. Lots of rain in the past few weeks causing minor flooding at several District facilities with no impact to services. There has been

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

minor damage created from the significant amount of rain. The District will keep sand bags on site in the future as a precaution.

The construction contract for the Upper West to East project provides for an allowance of approximately \$487,000 to address groundwater mitigation if PFAS is detected. The project has not encountered any groundwater at all and the District and contractor are discussing utilizing the budgeted allowance to coordinate with the County and fully re-pave rather than patch sections of affected roadway. Mr. Hale reported that PCE in certain areas are starting to trend back up again at the Southmoor plant location. No impact to customer water quality, but the District will be increasing testing and evaluating further. The FVA's contractor hired to rehabilitate the Widefield Terminal Storage Tank did a poor job and the lining is failing. This tank is currently offline and may impact the District's Upper West to East project schedule. The contractor is denying liability while Colorado Springs Utilities, as the operator for FVA, is pushing for the contractor to fix the defective work.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board entered into Executive Session at 12:37 p.m. pursuant to §§ 24-6-402(4)(b) C.R.S., to discuss negotiations of a service agreement for the Rolling Hills and Bull Hill Properties. At 1:06: p.m., the Board came out of executive session. No action was taken by the Board during executive session.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Bannister reported on the preconstruction meeting for the Cottage at Mesa Ridge development. The Ridge at Lorson Ranch development is working through the punch list items on completed utilities. The generator is going to be set soon at Trails at Aspen Ridge pump station. The Booster 2 pump station will be coming right after the Trails. Rolling Hills Pump station is still several months out. The Upper West to East project is likely to be delayed due to the FVA tank issue previously discussed and the District is looking at impacts. There is still some time but the tank issue is looming. The work laying pipe is moving out of residential areas soon.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Norris noted to the Board his work in preparing various service agreements as well as forthcoming proposed updates to the Rules and Regulations, Specifications, and Employee Handbook.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

Mr. Hale invited the Board to attend the upcoming PFAS workshop.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.



Secretary