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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Held: Tuesday, October 17, 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
Frank Watson, Secretary/Treasurer
Dan Ittner, Assistant Secretary
Jim Mesite, Jr., Director

**Arrived when noted*

Directors Absent (excused):

Jim Mesite, Jr., Director

Also in Attendance:

Lucas Hale, District Manager
Kelly Smith, Director of Administrative Services
Kristin Herndon, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland
Members of the Public: Jean Smith 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 12:03 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 September 19, 2023. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of such meeting were approved as amended.

Financial Matters

Monthly Financials

Mr. Hale presented the monthly financials. Water revenues are up due to an increase in seasonal usage in August. Usage is behind overall typical projections due to a wetter than normal year. The District saw a decrease in professional fees in the month. Employee payroll increased during the month because of overtime needed to fill being short staffed.

**Director Watson arrived at 12:07.*

Additional water sampling and supplies needed during the month caused an increase in cost for lab services and lab supplies. The District collected 25 new water and sewer tap fees and water resource acquisition fees in the month. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the monthly financials unanimously.

District Manager's Report

Managers' Report

Mr. Hale presented the District managers report. Two separate subcontractor companies have hit District waterlines recently. The District would like to implement a permitting system similar to what the County has in place already to help better inform the District and County when subcontractors are drilling near District waterlines. Castro Construction has agreed to pay for the cost of damage to the waterline but payment has yet to be received.

Question Director Watson: Do the contractors have to be approved by the County?

Mr. Hale: Reported that he is working with the County and with the District's legal counsel to resolve the issue and come up with a system to protect the District. Will be reporting back to the board on this issue soon.

The wastewater team has jetted 72% of the water lines so far this month. A grease ball clog was found but the source of the grease ball is not known.

Mr. Hale reported on the status of multi-district PFAS litigation and possible settlements by DuPont and 3M noting that he and Mr. Norris

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are still working on this matter with the District's special counsel, Mr. Kennison. Mr. Hale discussed the differences between class action and multidistrict settlement. The timeline for the District to opt out of the case is approaching and a decision will need to be made soon. Mr. Hale explained what opting out would mean for the District along with staying in the case. Mr. Hale will review the forms regarding the case and come to the Board in November with more detail on what settlements could look like.

Draft 2024 Budget
and Proposal Rate
Increase

Question Director Dunsmoor: What is the total amount of funds Dupont is paying out?

Mr. Hale: Approximately 1.1 billion for Dupont and 10.3 billion for 3M.

Mr. Hale presented the Board with the preliminary 2024 draft budget and rate increases and described in detail the main components of the 2024 budget and proposed rate increases. A copy of the budget and rate presentation to the Board is attached hereto. The complete proposed budget and proposed rate increases are on file with the District. The Board will consider adoption of the 2024 budget and approval of proposed rate increases at the November board meeting.

Resolution
Authorizing
Certification of
Delinquent
Accounts

Mr. Hale presented the proposed Resolution Authorizing Certification of Delinquent Accounts for Collection by the County Treasurer. He described one property that is in probate and have provided the District with evidence that the probate case is proceeding and they will be able to pay the unpaid account within several weeks. Mr. Hale recommended approval of the Resolution with the 418 De La Vista property removed. President Watson opened a public hearing on the matter, and having no public comment, closed the hearing. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution Authorizing Certification of Delinquent Accounts for Collection by the County Treasurer with the modification to remove the property at 418 De La Vista from the certification to the County Treasurer for collection.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hale presented the engineer's report. He reported on Booster Pump 1 and Booster Bump 2. The irrigation project for Booster Pump 2 is underway but there have been delays due to parts needed for the reverse flow of water into the tank not being available. This has caused extra cost accrue. The final walk through at the Fountain Valley school for the Upper West to East has occurred.

Question Director Watson: Are there any grease traps at the school?

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Mr. Hale: There are grease traps at the school that the District will occasionally go out and clean. A survey was sent out to the schools and business to see if they have grease traps and if they are being cleaned properly. The wastewater crew is in charge of the survey.

Mr. Hale reported on the Bills of Sale for conveyance of completed water and sewer infrastructure for Lorson Ranch East Filing 4, Carriage Meadow South Filing 2, Creekside South Filing 1 and Ponderosa Filing 3. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the Bills of Sale.

Attorney's Report

None.

Public Comment

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Hale how the amount of tap fees in the budget came to be. Mr. Hale explained that previous years along with the current year, water usage and number of customers all play a factor in the budget.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.


Secretary