

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Held: Tuesday, August 16, 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
Dan Ittner, Assistant Secretary
Jim Mesite, Jr., Director

Directors Absent (excused):

Frank Watson, Secretary/Treasurer

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 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 12:00 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 July 19, 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 water revenue increased in June due to typical seasonal increase of irrigation usage. Water payments increased about by \$44,000 due to FVA expenses. Employee payroll decreased due to one less working day in June. There was an increase in maintenance expenses for work completed on District wells. Annual renewals on multiple software licenses were also purchased. WARA expenses decreased due to the annual contribution made in May. Sludge hauling operational changes led to a decrease in hauling expenses. 28 water and 28 sewer taps, and 28 water resource acquisition fees were collected in the month.

Question from Director Ittner: There isn't more or less sludge is there? How did hauling expense decrease?

Mr. Hale: Operationally, we have been letting the amount of sludge build up more before hauling. It allows for more decanting and then it can break down and lead to less hauling expense.

Question from Director Mesite: Tools showed a large increase, why was this?

Mr. Hale: This is for tools used by the District staff and it tends to vary quite a bit based on need. I will look into this and report back to Board.

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

Manager's Report

Mr. Hale reported to the Board that on July 26th, a contractor broke the water main in front of the work being completed at the grade school. As of Friday, it has been repaired and is expected to be online this week. About 440,000 gallons of water was lost and rains required lots of pumping out of the hole where repairs were happening. The County inspector issued a violation to the District but later retracted and re-issued the violation to the contractor. A silt bag was installed and flooded parts of Metropolitan Ave. as part of stormwater mitigation for the Booster Pump Station 2 project. The District's contractor was instructed by the County to install the silt bags, which resulted in the stormwater backup. The District staff responded, identified the issue, and removed and stopped the flooding conditions.

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Question from Director Ittner: Were there any customer complaints?

Mr. Hale: Yes, District staff did interact with residents after arriving on site. One customer said the only reason he called Widefield was that he knew they would show up. He had called the County multiple times and no one responded.

Mr. Hale then reported that they are behind the jetting goal for the month, but is still ahead of the yearly goal. There was a paper-violation for water treatment (Bac-T) and the District is going back and forth with CDPHE on follow-up testing. After an investigation, the source of the issue was found out to be a wasp that had gotten stuck in a hose-bib and died. The District hired three trainees and one licensed operator from CSU. They currently have one accounting and one mechanical and electrical position open. There are several water court cases pending involving FMIC and the District will likely be getting more involved in the coming months.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board entered into Executive Session at 12:32 p.m. pursuant to §§ 24-6-402(4)(d) C.R.S., for the Board to discuss specialized details of security investigations into the District's cyber security measures. At 12:43 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 that a slab for the floor has been poured at the Booster Pump Station. Booster Pump Station 2 has been having issues with stormwater management because of increased rain and the silt bag that caused a backup. The County is requiring a stormwater permit at the Rolling Hills Tank and a Letter of Credit was also required as part of the larger developer project. The GMP proposal from Pate Construction Company on the upper west-to-east is nearly complete and they are going to plan on four phases of the project. The CIPP project is in progress. They are working through the City of Fountain permits to get point repairs done. The manhole lining project has been completed.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Norris discussed his work with Mr. Hale and the District regarding negotiations with the Air Force for ESA renewal and regarding multiple issues with El Paso County.

Public Comment

None.

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Other Business

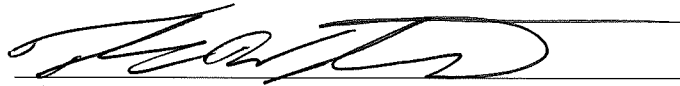
Director Mesite addressed the Bureau of Reclamation action to protect the Colorado River system. This could result in reductions in use for the District?

Question from Director Duns Moor: How much trans-maintain water do we rely on?

Mr. Hale: The District relies on approximately 1,500 acre-feet from FVA and the return flows on that water, including additional return flows from CSU. Mr. Hale noted that they are monitoring the situation and looking into scenarios if there is a compact call or shortage of deliveries from FVA. The District is prepared to respond as needed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



Secretary