

# 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, January 16, 2024, 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, Secretary/Treasurer  
Jim Mesite, Jr., Assistant Secretary  
Ryan Watson, Director

##### Directors Absent (excused):

None.

##### Also in Attendance:

Lucas Hale, District Manager  
Kelly Smith, Director of Administrative Services  
Robert Bannister, District Engineer  
Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland  
Members 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 12:01 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

President 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 December 19, 2023 meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of such meeting were approved.

## Financial Matters

Mr. Hale presented the monthly financials. Cash decreased by approximately \$2.2 million due to annual bond payments. Wastewater revenue increased in November because the City of Fountain did not pay in October and paid for two-months of service in the month of November. Professional fees increased by approximately \$35,000. Payments were made to RFSPEC on aeration improvements and dewatering design as well as ongoing professional fees associated with water rights cases. The decrease in maintenance expenses is due to a previous purchase of a pump and filters purchased in October. The District has recognized several employees with awards at the end of year employee recognition party. Chemical expenses for the month of November decreased because of a large purchase made in October. Operating expenses decreased due to there being fewer utility locates requested in November. The District's first CD matured with an increase in interest income of approximately \$250,000.

**Question President Watson:** Requested comparison of financials to typical average to be able to see comparison.

**Mr. Hale:** Discussed the budget and year to date revenue comparison and would be looking into alternatives for presenting financials at future meetings.

Mr. Hale went on further to discuss the increases in investment to money market fund, noting the water resource acquisition fund and part of the savings. The District may be able to bring investment income up to \$2 million per year. Mr. Hale discussed the CSAFE options versus UMB account noting that the District could invest \$10 million of its peak fund and an additional \$4.5 million of water resource acquisitions fee account funds. Following discussion by the Board and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the increase in investment of District funds as presented.

## District Manager's Report

Mr. Hale presented the District managers report. The third-party lab made an error in the District's UCMR5 sampling. The District reported the error and was instructed to resample. The resampling is currently in progress. There was a break-in at the Fontaine treatment plant prior to Christmas and the Sherriff was called. Mr. Hale noted that there has been an increase in issues at this site. The District is looking into enclosing the below-grade stairwells and installing cameras. The new Reg. 22 for wastewater is in draft format and being monitored by the

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District. The District received two responses to the meter replacement RFP and the proposals are being evaluated.

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Year Environmental Service Agreement

Mr. Hale discussed the Environmental Service Agreement with the Board noting the changes to the Agreement. Mr. Norris discussed the negotiations and timing of the two-year extension. Mr. Hale also noted the activity on MCL and PFAS regulation. Following discussion by the Board and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the termination of the existing Environmental Service Agreement subject to reaching terms with the Air Force for a new Environmental Service Agreement for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> years in a form acceptable to District Manager and District Counsel.

Mr. Hale and Director Watson discussed the property and encroachment issue at the Fontaine treatment plant site, noting that the owner will be moving their items off of District property. There are still issues with access and the County easement to complete their work in the drainage ditch.

### Engineer's Report

#### CIP and Development Update

Mr. Bannister presented the engineer's report. He reported that many projects are nearing completion. The upper west to east project is in progress on completing a new pipe entrance to the tank site and will be inspecting coating in January. The project is close to substantial completion. The District is working on a new route for the southern interceptor for force-main to bypass the interceptor noting that the design is still in-progress. The District is looking to use the CMAR approach to get the contractors on board early to work on routing and constructability. The tank located at the VA site will be disconnected because it has been unused for a period of time and disconnecting will allow the District to stop having to conduct regular inspections of this currently unused tank.

### Attorney's Report

Mr. Norris discussed the status of negotiations with the Air Force on a revised Environmental Services Agreement as well as PFAS class action settlements with the Board.

#### 2024 Annual Administrative Resolution

Mr. Norris presented the 2024 Annual Administrative Resolution. The Resolution is largely the same as in prior years, with changes to appoint certain individuals on an annual basis to represent the Board at the Fountain Valley Authority, the Venetucci well users group, and WARA, among others. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2024 Annual Administrative Resolution as presented.

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**Public Comment**

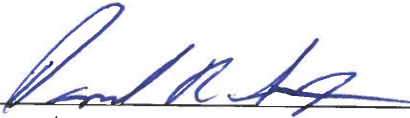
Ms. Smith inquired about rate increases and the letter to customers regarding the volume usage rates. Mr. Hale discussed the rate increases and the impact that it would have on the average customer. Ms. Smith commented on plastics and microplastics. Mr. Hale reported on what was discussed at the recent WEFTEC conference in relation to microplastics.

**Other Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



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Secretary