



Round Mountain Water and Sanitation

Board Meeting via Conference call or Video

July 16, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 2:09 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present were Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Greg Smith, Peter Ewing, and Randy Wilhelm. Staff members present were Dave Schneider and Peggy Quint. There were no guests at this meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the August 6, 2020 Board Agenda

1. Financial Reports for June, 2020 and Approval of Checks for June, 2020
2. Discussion on DOLA support for long-term planning with an external consultant

Administrative Reports

1. District Operations Manager – Dave Schneider

- **Current lagoon system update** – Dissolved oxygen in 1st pond and we have stopped cycling of water. Aerator in second pond went down. It has been taken for repair. Odors are improving.
- **WWTP** – PDR has been accepted. We will need a B operator and Class 1 collections
- **Brandyn from SGM** sent the update for the piers and structure situation for the new plant and Office/Shop. It will take 4 weeks to finish out the final engineering plans and how much structure is needed, including the additional cost. The electrical portion was just completed and has been sent off to USDA. A start date should be late Fall (October – November) SGM is the liaison with Black Hills. DOLA has set up accounts for funding coming in. (DOLA vs USDA in requisition of funds) Initial draft of interim financing is complete. Charles requested that Dave includes them in that process, so that information will be heard by more than one person. Charles also stated that he has experience with funding with USDA vs DOLA. He will share with Dave the information to move forward.
- **Johnson Ranch** – Macey Creek is dry. We are currently at 314 acre feet this year, so we are short of the 350 acre feet. Water Engineer application for SWSP to address potential depletions has been sent to the State. It should be an easy process. This will let ranchers know that we are addressing our depletion.
- **Gallery Reservoir Update** – Gracie and Terry presented our project to the Upper Ark Round Table the verbal and written grant application for \$15,500. The verbal support was agreed to. Dave is confident that we will get that funding. Dave did receive letters of support from the two towns and he is trying to get ahold of Custer County to get theirs.
- **Enlargement at DeWeese** – Dave stated that he feels we should invest in our own reservoir. We could buy water from Pueblo IF its available. Getting additional storage in DeWeese would cost millions of dollars. We have a decree with Pueblo Reservoir that allows movement. The Board of Water Works will hold it. They put it out for bid. Sealed bid for about 2 weeks. We would have to start around September 1st because we won't be able to use DeWeese. Upper Ark is limited with water for us to buy. Pueblo Board of Water Works has better bang for the buck. Dave will check with Gracie to see what the timeline looks like. Next year what should we consider? How can we

compliment our storage? DeWeese/Dye will probably have a firm yield lease available. Nothing will be cheaper. We have \$1 million we need to put towards our own reservoir that we HAVE to build. Greg stated that 735,000 acre feet should be available in the next 10 years because of the coal industry retiring.

- **John Johnston** - we installed sewer tap at a cost of \$2820.00. This fulfills our responsibility to that project. John did not return Dave's phone calls, so he is unsure if John is satisfied with the outcome.
- **Extension** - Incline's sewer line is installed. Haga at Fox Run has started. Greg Quinones still needs to get us a Letter of Commitment and signed contracts. Greg is looking into different types of funding that is available to him. The neighbor to the south that wants to hook into his extension are communicating their interest in working with Greg to get their lines in. Dave told them that a signed agreement would be required. They have not responded to Dave regarding that agreement. Clareth's status remains the same. Steve stated that it would be a good idea for Economic Development to look into the Indy Plant (Home Manufacturing Factory that make homes out of cargo containers) in Pueblo and see what kind of communities that they put together because it would work well with the land. Greg's property is East of the Bus Barn and south of Incline's new houses.
- **Meter Replacement** – Three parts to the meter system; the meter, the transponder, and the actual software. Scott is going to give us three different concepts and three different bid numbers on some equipment. DOLA expects us to look at all of our options. Staff is really impressed with the software we have seen and the yearly contract costs that they offer. Others can look affordable, but the yearly contracts can get costly. Staff is really amazed at the way the meters can measure any kind of fluctuation and when it happens. It will catch 1/30 gallon in increase. We currently have about 1/5 of a gallon read to get the meter to read an increase.
- **Hartbauer property sale** – Dave has worked about 40 hours on an easement issue between Russell Hartbauer and Brad Hartbauer. Dave has contacted our attorney and he will be meeting with Marly and the real estate agent in the morning. We didn't have any records of this agreement. Dave did locate the original engineer in Colorado Springs. He sent a plat map. The extension was never deeded over to Round Mountain, so Wet Mountain RV owns it. The line is not inspectable by us. At some point, they decided to put a private vault in where a public line should have been. Our easement, installed in 1993, is about 20 feet to the South of where the line is located. The water main makes the easement impossible. The corner of the building is on our easement. Dave doesn't want the responsibility of the trash vault, he wants it at the manhole, so that it can be maintained. This is another situation that enforces our need to follow policy. Property is scheduled to close on the 17th of July, but it is highly unlikely to happen until this can be cleaned up.

2. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint

- **Financials** will be available the first meeting in August.
- **Audit extension has been filed.** Christy DeNardo and Cathy Fromm are working together to gather the information required to complete audit.
- **Delinquencies are needing to be addressed.** Board received the most delinquent customers that will have water shut off if we do not receive a payment by 4:00 p.m. on July 31st. Policy is being followed as far as letters communicating the need for payment and shut-offs will occur on Monday, August 3, 2020.
- **Courtney's last day will be Friday and Abi Schneider's first day is today.** They will work hard on training while Courtney is still here. Courtney has offered to continue to help as much as she can if Abi has questions. She also will not be working on Friday's at her new job and may be able to come in and help Abi.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of the Minutes of the July 2, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
3. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for June 2020 (These will be ready on August 6th)

Management Company thought our meeting was next week
Motion made by Steve Lasswell to approve the Minutes. Peter Ewing seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0 in favor of motion.

Old Business

1. **John Johnston request for reimbursement** – John was not in attendance as was expected. Dave covered this item in his reports.
2. **Juanita Wills request for bathroom addition** – Juanita wants to add a bathroom to her guest house. This is only for her personal guests and will not be a VRBO. Dave will monitor the situation. This will increase her ERU to 1.6. If property were to be sold, new owners will be notified that it is not a rental and cannot be used as such.

New Business

1. **Peter will receive a tour of our district with Dave Schneider on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. This will allow Peter to become more acquainted with how the district is run and he can ask questions that he may have for Dave.**

Additional comments: Charles has talked to Christy at DOLA. She is aware that we are anticipating a 3% growth in the next 3 to 5 years. By then, we should have our new WWTP, new meters, and reservoir. Water storage gets questionable in the future. Regarding external help to respond to these issues, Christy has volunteered a Colorado Springs company called JDS Hdyro. This is an engineering company that could work with us to get long-term planning assistance. If we knew what our timeline was, we could watch our growth and infrastructure issues and we could tie it to revenue. Christy will introduce this concept to this company on July 27th. We probably have a better chance to get onboard with Town of Westcliffe and Town of Silver Cliff by using an out of town company that is experienced in this arena. It would be beneficial to have them do a water study of our existing system. We currently have little to no fire flow, which is of great concern. The cost of this study would be minimal if its subsidized by DOLA. DOLA would appreciate that we are thinking ahead and to know that we are making decisions as a group. It is advantageous to develop relationships with other groups comparable to ours. This would get our towns involved in this growth situation. So far, we have been lucky and we should be please that this opportunity has come along.

Adjourn at 3:29 p.m.