

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
March 7, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Peggy Quint, Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, and Greg Smith

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: George Medaris, District Manager; Herdis Sobel, Office Manager

Visitors Present: Tracy Ballard, Wet Mountain Tribune

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Public Input – 15 Minute period for brief comments to the Board or to request to be placed on a future agenda. Time limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

Additions to the Agenda for the March 21, 2019 meeting

1. Park water rates
2. Review of SGM Comment regarding abandoning a segment of the 1875 pipe
3. Review of SGM comments regarding possible improvements to pressure issues
4. UAWCD Augmentation Plan – Does the Board want to take a formal position?

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the February 7, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks.

Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Charles Bogle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

1. Water Rates for Parks

In order to implement any changes to these water rates prior to the start of irrigation we need to begin the 30-day public notice process. Round Mountain has flexibility on setting rate increases or discounts. It is very likely that if the park rates are increased, they will be watered less. Everyone uses the parks. How important is it for them to be green? We need public input. Manager Medaris will

come up with a proposal to present to the Board. Setup meeting for April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and make decision at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## 2. Water Line Analysis on Hermit Lane

SGM is doing a feasibility study on the hydraulic capacity of the two lines. The funds for the study have been received from the developer.

See Item #1, New Business.

## 3. Claretha Development Update Fourth Street, Hudson to DeWalt in SC

CJ Goebel still looking at the eastern blocks that can get water from Zone 3 of the district's system. This area is served by the booster station at Cliff and Manager Schneider may have more information, but he was unexpectedly not able to make the meeting.

## 4. Johnson Ranch

### a. Piezometer Installation Plan

The water engineers, proposals say that holes need to be drilled for the installation. Estimated cost \$15,000.00 and this needs to get done before Spring.

Randy Wilhelm made a motion to authorize Manager Medaris to move forward with getting this project done. Greg Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### b. Sale of Property and Benoni-Jarvis Reservoir Rights Discussion

We need to discuss if we want to begin the process of setting the property up for sale and a big part of this is the District's decreed right to construct and store water at the Johnson Ranch. Bob Krassa, water attorney, has indicated that those rights have value and we may want to sell it. Also, we may want to keep that right to ourselves. Upper Ark may want to participate with us, and we have yet to hear anything from the State Engineer regarding the question on whether or not we have to build it.

## 5. Discussion of Reserve Policy

A discussion of the rough draft reserve policy presented to the Board at the last meeting. The draft policy authorizes the establishment of budgetary reserve accounts and to distribute any unexpended year end funds to their appropriate reserve accounts. The Board discussed the resolution agree that the creation of the reserve accounts was important and by consensus directed Manager Medaris to continue development of the policy

## New Business

### 1. Water Pressure Review, south of South Street and west of Emery, SC

Manager Medaris told the Board that while we're having SGM looking at the possibility of abandoning the old 1875 pipeline and diverting that flow into the Hermit Lane water line. He has also asked them to take a look at the area of low water pressure where the water was drained during testing of the fire plugs at the school. He has received an additional complaint regarding that area's low pressure. We need to make sure that if we allow the development of the property along Hermit Lane that we don't harm other properties. SGM has been asked to look at a couple of potential projects that we could do that would help the pressure in this area at "relatively" reasonable costs.

### 2. Development of Payback Policy Discussion

A copy of a policy that the District Manager has used in the past was given to the Board to see if the general outline would work for Round Mountain. It was agreed that Manager Medaris could modify the document to serve the needs of the District.

### 3. Community Development Meetings Review

Brief discussion of the most recent meetings and their outcome. The most important thing is everyone coming up with a master plan for future planning.

### 4. Setting up dates for District Visioning

Discussion about best day to schedule the session. Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> seemed to work for everyone. Manager Medaris will contact Sheryl Trent and see if she is available that day.

### 5. Status of Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Project in a holding pattern right now.

## District Manager Report

### 1. DeWeese Dye Meeting

Manager Medaris attended the meeting just to begin the process of gaining a working relationship with their Board. He will not attend their meetings on a regular basis but will need to know when things are happening with maintenance on the dam. Dam repairs will need to be added to the budget.

## 2. Open Office Position

We have someone starting the middle of the month.

## 3. Seasonal Field Operations Position

This position was budgeted for last year, but never filled. We need to go ahead and get this position filled. The crew's work is starting to stack up and Dave's administrative requirements continue to increase. This position could easily become a full-time position before the year is out.

### Operations Manager Report

#### 1. Colorado Water Association Meeting

Manager Medaris will comment on the Operations Report in Dave's absence.

- This was a good training session

#### 2. Leadership Academy Training

- SDA sponsored this leadership training. Good preparation for his future.

#### 3. Equipment Trailer Purchase

- Busy outfitting the new trailer

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Herdis Sobel