

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: George Medaris, District Manager; Dave Schneider, CORC (Certified Operator in Responsible Charge); Herdis Sobel, Office Manager

Visitors Present: Tracy Ballard, Wet Mountain Tribune

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda for the Next Meeting: None

Public Input: None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the December 7, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 2017 Special Board Meeting.
3. Financial Reports and Approval of Checks.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Resolution 2018-1, appointing a Designated Election Official

Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-1, appointing Manager Medaris as the Designated Election Official.

2. Adopt a meeting schedule for 2018 – Resolution 2018-2
3. Discuss need to conduct second BOD meeting each month.

Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-2, adding to the adopted meeting schedule for 2018, a second scheduled meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Greg Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Discuss Garren, Ross and DeNardo meeting.

Manager Medaris and Randy Wilhelm met with Sam & Cristy DeNardo to discuss having them do some Accounting for the District and Enterprise Companies. They declined doing accounting work for us, but offered to look over the current accounts and make some suggestions for better separation of fund tracking. They also offered to recommend someone that might be willing to do accounting on a part time basis, or at least take on the Wastewater project accounting.

5. Discuss January 25, 2018 Public Meeting to address rate increase.

The meeting is set for 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Manager Medaris will present the public with the proposed rate increase and emphasis that the District doesn't have a choice, the improvements are being forced by the State. He will provide information on our rate history and provide samples of the proposed rate increase and what that increase will look like in different scenarios. He told the Board that this is a public meeting, allowing the public to voice their opinions and give input. He recommended that they select one of them to be a spokesperson for the Board to answer any questions from the public to keep things simple. After some discussion, it was decided that Steve Lasswell would represent the Board at the meeting. He suggested that notes be taken about the public's comments. A Special Meeting can be called if the public brings up points that need to be discussed before the Regular Board meeting. The whole purpose of the meeting is to notify the public of what needs to be done to accomplish the demands of the State to become compliant, and receive public comment.

District Manager Report:

1. Presentation of Draft Rate Setting Policy

Manager Medaris when over the new proposed rate structure and showed areas where he felt needed improvement. The main focus was on businesses and multi-family dwellings and the utilization of EQR's to help distribute the charges more fairly. All properties would need to be evaluated and the appropriate rates be assigned to the various accounts. He explained what the Districts immediate financial needs are, an overview for the coming year, and what it will take to be able to meet those obligations. A lot depends on what will be granted and what will be loaned to the District by USDA. As much as the Board would like to hire a firm to do an in-depth rate study, an immediate increase is necessary at this time. A firm can be hired later to do the rate study, which will most likely result in additional increases later this year. The rates should be evaluated annually.

2. Current Status of Project Time Line

The PER has been submitted to USDA and the State. We have authorized the beginning of the preliminary work. Geological work will begin Jan 5th out at the lagoon and application site. The way things are moving, construction most likely will not begin until the Spring of 2019.

CORC Report: Dave Schneider went over his CORC report; reporting on projects completed and ones coming up. His CORC report is on permanent file.

- SGM will be digging holes at the Lagoon Site for testing on Jan 5th.
- Sat, Jan 13th a boring unit will take samples to test sustainability at the infiltrator site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Herdis Sobel