

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, May 19, 2022

2:00 P.M. – 3rd Street Gallery Building Conference Room

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome Connie Thompson to Round Mountain Water and Sanitation Board of Directors!

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Chairman, Steve Lasswell, Vice-Chairman, Randy Wilhelm, Treasurer, Connie Thompson, New Member, Peggy Quint, District Business Manager, Dave Schneider, District Manager, Laura Ippolito, Admin. Asst., Dr. Cliff Brown, Custer County Public Health Agency, and Jack Thompson. Peter Ewing was unable to attend due to medical appointments out of town.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Wilhelm

Additions to the June 16, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Excuse Peter Ewing from May 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
2. Final Personnel Manual Decision
3. Wastewater/COVID Sampling Option
4. Resolution regarding the Personnel Manual
5. Resolution regarding By-Laws

Administrative Reports

1. District Business Manager - Peggy Quint - Report is attached to Board Packet

Additional report:

* Office space next to Dave is available as per Richard Stermer; Peggy suggested the district add this to the office space that is currently used. It will be *very* affordable and is much needed for storage, office use etc. Site Engineer for WWTP may need office space when the plant starts construction.

* Audit preparations begin next week. Fromm & CO will be coming to do field work. Annual audit is planned for June 2022.

* SDA is coming up in four months! September 13-15, 2022. Four rooms have been reserved.

* SDA Regional Workshop in Salida - So far Connie and Peggy are attending. Please contact Peggy if you want to attend.

* Peggy has been working on the district's Facebook page to increase media presence

* Please let Peggy know if you plan on attending the New Election Board Training on June 1st.

Randy, Charles, Steve, Connie, Peggy and Dave will attend.

* Peggy is meeting with Barry Mitchell next week to discuss radios that could be used for emergency communications. Adrian Washington works with Barry as well as the Fire Department. The \$5K that was awarded to RMWSD for this purpose will be used to purchase equipment.

2. ORC - Steven Koch - Report in Board Packet - Dave highlighted a few activities that the Field Techs are working on. Fire Hydrant had been replaced. Old hydrants are collectable. Jetting started on

the sewer mains. The jetter needs a new part that will be arriving next week. Service line replacements are on the schedule. One property, on South 3rd, had been in the basement and initially we hoped to take the meter out and put it in a pit, but the meter line was under the house. The house is holding up the foundation rather than the other way around. Dave told the Field Techs that a meter line is not being put in. Property owners are adamant about putting in the new service line. So, Dave asked the district's Attorney to draw up a hold harmless agreement that states that if something happens, the responsibility is on the property owner. Dave sent out the document and is waiting on their signatures. The new flume is being installed this week at the Johnson Ranch. They are filling in the illegal pond and putting rip rap around the new flume. Dave added that the Field Techs are doing a great job!

3. District Manager – Dave Schneider

- **Meter replacement project:** there are less than 10 meters that are not reading. We continue to work with MSPS and Iconergy to address these issues.
- **Freeze point reading on the meters is still being discussed.** We really need this implemented and working by next Winter. This aspect of the meters is one of the reasons we chose this type of meter.
- **Well project:** the solar array is in, just waiting on power to be installed by Black Hills. There will be a Contractor's Meeting, including the well drillers, on Wednesday, May 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room in our building.
- **The well drilling will begin by the end of May.** It should be up and running by November 2022.
- **Johnson Ranch dry-up:** Field Techs are completing the dirt work to install the flume. Surveyor will be doing the easement so that we can identify easements and divide it up into 4 - 80-acre parcels and get it on the market.
- **Reservoir Project –** teaming up with Upper Ark River Conservancy District and exploring funding possibilities. Funds from the Feds are starting to become available for use on the reservoir. Gracy Goodwin at Upper Ark is keeping an eye on it for us.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** the demo report should be back this week. Dave sent a reminder email to them, hoping that they will respond.
- **Some regulations that are going to have to be addressed in the future by CDPHE and EPA are the reductions of PFOS and PFAS (Teflon derivatives) and manganese on the water side.** These have hit the alert status. Dave doesn't think these will be an issue with RMWSD's water. However, it will add more expense to sampling and will start in 2023. The biggest hurdle will be an EPA mandate that will start in 2023 of lead service line removal. We do have a handful of lead pigtailed and galvanized service lines. They are mandating water systems to have these galvanized service lines replaced all the way to the house. The first year will involve a survey of what we have in our district, because we have no record of what we have. There is grant money available, and this is the only way we can afford to satisfy this mandate. The difficulty lies in replacement to the house through private property. Contractors are currently using PEX for the lines to the houses. This will be way too big of a job for our staff. Hopefully, we will find a contractor that we can hire to do the work for the district and use grant money to pay for the project. Dave shared our Diamond Maps program that the staff can edit and update. This will make the job so much easier to follow the lines, manholes, meters and hydrants.

Upper Ark Water 2-day Forum in Salida

1. **Situation on Colorado River – Front range uses a significant amount of water from the Colorado River. They could possibly use up all the storage that they have in the two reservoirs where they store water, especially if this dry weather continues.**
2. **Alluvial Storage: Interesting concept. Difficulties that we face are the different soil stratas. It could be something down the road that our valley could use for storage. Good for our storage situation.**
3. **Bringing beavers for their architectural skills to construct dams in the high basins to mitigate and slow the flow of flood waters on wildland fire areas. Presentation was great!**

CRWA Conference was excellent! Electro Coagulation discussion with Powell Water and other districts brought a lot of excitement and interest! The more people that know about this, the greater our chances of getting the funding and approval that we need. There are two western slope districts who are seeking CDPHE approval for EC treatment but are not Powell Water’s units. Powell Water has a patent on their whole wastewater treatment system and a patent on the design. Other EC patents are designed for other purposes, such as oil for mining, that will struggle to treat wastewater. Dave said that best case scenario for the start of this system in our district, after receiving the demo report, if CDPHE will accept it as a true demonstration of the project, then we can move right to design. If CDPHE does not approve the design, then negation with the state to find out what must take place to make them comfortable. Dave is hoping that they will accept the demo within 60 days. Design drawings and financing can be worked on during that time. It won’t take long to complete the final designs. If all goes well, we could be digging in the Spring of 2023. That is when the moratorium may be lifted.

Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Financial Report and Approval of Checks for April 2022**
Motion to Approve: Randy Wilhelm, seconded by Steve Lasswell. Randy requested further clarification on the comments at the end of the minutes from April 21, 2022. As Randy was not in attendance, he was unaware of the meeting that took place with Dave Schneider, Roger Camper and Steve Lasswell regarding the request by Silver Cliff to CDPHE to install septic tanks to ease the pain of the moratorium. Vote approved 4-0

New Business

1. **Excuse Randy Wilhelm from April 21, 2021, Regular Board Meeting**
Steve Lasswell made a motion to excuse Randy Wilhelm from the April 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Connie Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0
2. **Election of Officers – Charles Bogle, Chairman**
Steve Lasswell, Vice-Chair
Randy Wilhelm, Treasurer
Peter Ewing – Secretary
Connie Thompson – Member

Charles Bogle asked if anyone had changes to the board positions. Peter Ewing had contacted Peggy Quint and wanted to nominate Connie Thompson to replace him as Secretary. Connie Thompson stated she would be more than happy to fill the position of Secretary. Peter will then be Member at Large. The remainder of the positions will remain the same. Motion to accept the positions of the board members was made by Steve Lasswell and seconded by Connie Thompson, vote was 4-0.

Old Business

1. Finalizing Personnel Manual discussion points – Dave Schneider looked over the changes that had been brought to light by Randy Wilhelm. Dave will make the discussed changes. This final approval was tabled until June 16, 2022. By-Laws Section 9 were discussed as well. Dave will update the by-laws to reflect the comment that needs to be changed. It is to separate the tap fees funds. Both require resolutions that Dave will have the board approve next month.
2. Wastewater Covid sampling option - discuss and decide – Dave will continue his research on this proposal and have a cost for sampling structure, etc., and report to the board at the next meeting.
3. Report from Action 22 meeting in Pueblo - Charles Bogle reported that there were many water and wastewater districts in attendance. It was obvious that the 2027 CDPHE regulations are going to affect every district in the state. Powell Water was in attendance and presented their process. Charles was very impressed and said that they are mature and knowledgeable professionals. Dave Schneider was there as well and reported that this was a beneficial in-person meeting. They voiced their options well from a technology standpoint. Powell Water knows what they are doing and raised awareness of a potential solution. Sara Blackwell, Action 22, is now extremely excited about this process and what it can do for the state of Colorado.

Adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

Water & Sanitation District