



**Round Mountain Water and Sanitation
Board Meeting via Conference call or Video
November 5, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Charles Bogle, Randy Wilhelm, Steve Lasswell, Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Jackson Malcolm, Greg Smith, Peter Ewing

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the November 19, 2020 Board Agenda

The peer reviews should be available to be presented

Hiring Abi's replacement

Administrative Reports

1. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint

The public notice has been posted for our meeting on December 3rd to approve the 2021 budget and proposed rate increases.

We are doing well with collecting on our delinquent accounts and have been paid for accounts that we thought we would have to put liens against.

The transition to our new billing company has not been as smooth as we had hoped, but we are working out the kinks.

Abi is getting married in January and will be leaving at the end of December. We will be interviewing two people for her position tomorrow.

2. District Operations Manager – Dave Schneider

Dave participated in a stakeholder meeting at the DeWeese Dam for proposed improvements and enlargements. We have received a grant. The dam safety engineering is still in process. Dave voiced at the meeting that RMWSD may be interested in leasing up to one hundred acre-feet. We are committed to a \$5,000.00 cash commitment and a \$5,000.00 in kind contribution to the feasibility study.

The Benone Jarvis Reservoir -- The opposers have put their brief in by the end of September and we will respond by the 7th of January.

The sale of the Wet Mountain RV park is going through and the owners have come to an agreement on the easement.

The Smith Well is falling apart and it is sucking up quite a bit of air, which is ruining the pipes. Randy asked how much it will cost if we have to fix it ourselves. It looks like it would cost around half a million.

We have one more tap set that we would like to dig in before winter and then we will be done installing taps until the spring.

Old Business

1. Peer Review Report

The peer review will be available at the next board meeting on November 19th. SGM has been very cooperative in sharing information with the peer review companies. Dave will confirm on whether or not there will be a presentation from the reviewing companies.

2. Budget Discussion

The budget should be approved by the December 3rd board meeting. The WWTP project is proposed to be “shovel ready” by January. Steve asked if the possible reimbursements from property sales show up in the budget. They do not at this time, although the field techs are moving out of the Draper property so that it can be sold if needed.

3. Wage Increase Proposal Discussion/Approval

Randy was directly involved in helping to determine the proposed increases. Jackson Malcolm would be promoted to the Operator and Responsible Charge.

Motion: Greg Smith Second: Randy Smith Vote: 5-0

4. District Operations Employee Salary Discussion/Approval

The board discussed the possibility of moving the managers to salary in the future. We will reach out to Fromm to understand the regulations.

Motion: Greg Smith Second: Peter Ewing Vote: 5-0

New Business

1. Proposed Rate Increases for January 2021

Our rate study projected increasing the water rates 5% and sewer rates 3.5% every year for the next five years. This was based on a six million-dollar WWTP.

2. Cesare Bore Drilling Discussion/Approval

Will drill 8-10 holes 70-75 feet deep and to drill one hole 5 feet into any bedrock that is found. The cost would be \$4,500 for one day or \$7,000 for two days. Dave is estimating \$5,500 to \$6,000 for this project. This could be done within a month.

Motion: Peter Ewing Second: Steve Lasswell Vote: 5-0

Adjourned at 3:35 pm