

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order by Charles Bogle at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Board of Directors: Charles Bogle, Randy Wilhelm, Greg Smith, Leslie Parkes
Absent: Steve Lasswell

Public: Tracy Ballard, The Valley Beat and Andrew Wolf, Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda for the September 5, 2019 Meeting

1. Road Repair and Cuts
2. Audit Discussion
3. MDMA
4. Mid-Year Budget discussion

Consent Agenda A motion by Greg Smith was seconded by Randy Wilhelm to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion Carried 4-0.

Old Business

1. **Audit Presentation** Andrew Wolf presented the Audit. Copies were distributed to Board and Staff. Discussion will continue after all have had a chance to look it over.
2. **Benoni Jarvis Update** George talked to Division Engineers. They have some concerns that a senior water right may affect this especially in drought years. Statements are to be limited regarding this situation due to water court cases.
3. **UAWCD MOU,/MOA augmentation plan Discussion** - George had nothing to report at this time as it is in the beginning stages.
4. **Developer Payback Policy Update** Changes to verbiage are still being addressed. Greg is making it easier for people to read who are not well versed in the legal language.
5. **WWTP Design Update** Conversations with the designer are ongoing. George is still concerned about how the sludge will be degraded. Normal heavy metals are not a concern. A solar drying system is being used in Utah.
6. **Citronelle, Alabama trip report** - George presented pictures from the trip to see the Bluepro System. The plant that the visited has a system that has been used for 13 years. Top tier licensing. They have never had to add sand to the system. It is a first-class operation but simple. Lab is in-house. Cost is about \$500k for the machine. Chemicals cost \$3.30/gallon. With 15-25 gallons/day it would be about \$100/day for chemicals and manpower would be minimal.

New Business

1. **Mid-Year Budget Discussion** - George presented the final mid-year budget. There was a short discussion and the Board will look over the documents. Discussion will resume on September 5, 2019

- 2. Resolution 2019-2 Approval of Travel and Attendance of Board and Staff at 2019 SDA Conference**
Rand Wilhelm made a motion to approve the Resolution, Greg Smith seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

Administrative Reports

- 1. SDA Conference Dates – September 17, 2019 – September 20, 2019** George will be representing the Round Mountain Water and Sanitation at the SDA Board Meeting
- 2. Operations Manager’s Report** - Dave reported that the mid-year budget will reflect some camera work that needs to be done in Silver Cliff. It has been jettied, but 10% needs to be viewed via camera. It is scheduled for late September or early October.
- 3. Office Manager’s Report** - Peggy Quint has attached the Office Manager’s Report
- 4. District Manager’s Report**

George reminded everyone that there is a Small Community Workshop on August 28th. Many topics will be covered that pertain to our District. George will send out an email so the Board could look at attending the meeting. Everyone statewide is invited.

A DOLA rate study has been sent to us. It is in our best interests to participate in this study because we will get the results.

Patching rules are that repair is to be done within 2 weeks of the report of a pothole with permanent patching to be done later. Michael Carter told George that the Town of Westcliffe is unhappy with the holes on the Highway and on Hermit. Dave interjected that the rains we have gotten this Summer have made it difficult to get the patching completed and permanent. The Town of Westcliffe is going to revisit their policies to see if they need to be updated. Once we get the updated policies then we can respond to what our responsibility is regarding costs, etc. Bringing asphalt up from down the hill is very expensive. George reiterated that cost of new construction and new service lines needs to be borne by the property owner. We could possibly be forced into paying for the paving and the backfill. None of which is cheap. The property owner or developer should be the one that covers that expense. George feels better about us knowing exactly what the Rules and Regulations are, once they are in place.

Dave and the guys have been shorthanded and have been working very hard. George has spent time with Dave going over what needs to be covered when he is gone. George reported that the Policy of the District should be looked at regarding comp time vs overtime. We have a lot of work that needs to be done in the district, and we need everyone at work to accomplish this. If we have employees taking comp and are not at work, we are too short handed. Charles thought that maybe we could visit with the staff to see what policies they would be comfortable with. Charles continued discussing the rate study.

Greg inquired as to where we stand on the rate study. George will contact a non-profit group that may do rate studies. He also has the RFP from Florence that completed a Rate Study. We are on track with being able to get a good rate study.

Randy wanted to know when we will be putting the public notice regarding the rate increase. George said we need to take our time and do it right. The project that will be most impacted from the rate increase is somewhat stalled.

The payback policy is still in the editing stage. Discussion regarding Mike Haga's project took place and the Board stated that they had heard rumors. George will look at the information when he receives it.

Randy suggested that the Board meetings be moved up to 1:00 p.m. because we tend to run past 4:00 p.m. Charles stated that 2 hours should be sufficient for the meetings and that 2:00 p.m. for start time is fine.

Adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

