

Round Mountain Water & Sanitation District

Special Meeting

April 9, 1974

The Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors held an open meeting April 9, 1974 at the Custer County School Gymnasium in the town of Westcliffe, Colorado. Public notice of the meeting appeared in the April 4, 1974 issue of the Wet Mountain Tribune.

The following members were present: Lawrence Entz
Walter Hanssen
Bill Kleine
Fred Luthi
C. E. Piquette Jr.

Others present: Dick Bowman - State Health Department, Water Quality Control Division Engineer (La Junta Office)
Jim Bright - Farmers Home Administration (Pueblo Office)
Joe Dinwiddie - Farmers Home Administration (Denver Office)
Simon F. Elliot - Water Engineer (Pueblo, Colorado)
John Naylor - Attorney for District (Pueblo, Colorado)
Paul Williamson - State Health Department, Water Quality Control (Denver Office)
Clyde Young - McIntyre and Quiros; land management, civil engineering, surveying (Pueblo, Colorado)
Approximately 125 interested citizens

Chairman Entz called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. and explained the purpose of the meeting was to brief the residents of the District and the public at large on progress to date, with particular attention being given to current sewer system funding availability and to the water curtailment problem facing the towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe.

Mr. Entz gave a brief history of the District listing its officers and members and describing their many fruitless attempts to obtain funds for the installation of a sewer system.

Mr. Dinwiddie was then asked to present an explanation of current ^{FUND} availability for the proposed sewer and water development within the original District. He stated that the Office of Management and Budget had released grant funds which would be made available to those whose application had been received prior to 1973. Funds are available as needed from the following sources and in the amounts listed below:

Farmers Home Administration: \$50,000 grant funds for sewer system
\$439,000 loan funds for sewer and water systems
State of Colorado: \$13,600 grant funds for sewer treatment facility
Four Corners Regional Commission: \$150,000 grant funds for sewer system

Mr. Dinwiddie stated that all residents within the service area would be required to avail themselves of the service at a cost of \$14.50 per month per residence. This included all seasonal residents on a year round basis.

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One objector to the mandatory use fee method of loan repayment suggested that property owners should be taxed to pay for the system on a cost per foot or frontage basis. Mr. Naylor pointed out, however, that this could not be done equitably because of the many different sizes of mains to be installed. FHA representatives made mention that this method of repayment would not be acceptable under the terms of their loan contract. It was also pointed out that owners of undeveloped property would help pay for the system later with the payment of increased tap-on fees. Also, all property owners within the District were already being taxed in the form of a District mill levy.

Mr. Williamson stated that the Health Department's principal concern was the pollution of surface and ground waters, and that they would require a quality waste treatment facility with a man well qualified to service the facility. He was questioned as to whether an aerated lagoon would be an odor problem. He stated odor would not be a problem if the facility were properly operated. He was also questioned about current space requirements for individual disposal plants in a town such as ours where running water were available. He replied that the state presently considers one-half acre to be the minimum area for such purpose, and also made mention that the city of Pueblo required a full acre for an individual waste disposal unit.

Mr. Williamson was questioned as to whether the State Health Department might force the installation of a sewer system in the near future. He personally felt it was not likely to happen; but that it would be done if the Districts water sources were to become polluted by individual disposal units. He cited Silver Plume as a recent example of a city where the State Health Department had forced the installation of a city wide sewer system.

The question was raised as to whether the District was obligated to furnish water or sanitation services to recently annexed properties. Mr. Entz replied that the District was not under obligation to do this and that written statements to this effect had been drawn up and signed by all parties petitioning annexation. It was suggested that the Westcliffe and Silver Cliff zoning ordinances might offer protection in this regard, and that a written agreement should be made between the towns and the District whereby the District must approve the water and sanitation covenants of all PUD applications. Mr. Naylor confirmed this line of thinking as being legally sound and correct.

Mr. Naylor also stated that a vote of the people would not be required for approval of the FHA loan since Revenue Bonds do not require an election.

The Order of the State Engineer limiting pumping of water in the towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff was again discussed. Mr. Elliot was called upon to repeat many of the statements he had made in the meeting of March 26, 1974. The Board of Directors expressed their intention to take the advice of Mr. Glenn Saunders, Denver water attorney. His suggestion was to employ

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a competent hydraulic engineer, who could advise the District Board of Directors as to where they can acquire senior water, who could devise an augmentation plan for the District, and then present that plan to the court through an attorney who is familiar with the procedures. In so doing the District would be able to secure a legitimate water supply which it has not enjoyed before. No objection was raised to this method of solving the problem.

At this point Mr. Entz called for a show of hands to determine whether or not those present favored or objected to obtaining loan funds, for sewer and water, in the amount specified by Mr. Dinwiddie. The vote was approximately 10 to 1 in favor of obtaining the funds and proceeding with the sewer and water projects. Approximately 50 hands were raised in favor of the projects, while only 5 persons raised hands in objection.

Members of the District Board of Directors met briefly with Mr. Dinwiddie before adjournment to review conditions of the FHA grant and loan. A motion was made by Mr. Hanssen and seconded by Mr. Kleine authorizing Mr. Entz to sign a letter of intent to meet the conditions specified by FHA and to sign three payment authorizations. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

C. E. Piquette Jr.
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Secretary

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April 17, 1974

The Round Mountain Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors met in special session April 17, 1974 at the office of LaVista Hills, Inc., Westcliffe, Colorado.

The following members were present: Lawrence Entz
Walter Hanssen
Bill Kleine
Fred Luthi
C. E. Piquette Jr.

Others present: Clyde Young (McIntyre & Quiros)
Roy Hodson (McIntyre & Quiros)

Chairman Entz called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Minutes of the five (05) previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Young and Mr. Hodson, engineers under contract with the District to design the proposed sewer system and treatment facility, had asked to meet with the Board regarding State Health Department regulations governing sewer treatment facilities. They reported that a lagoon type system could still be designed which would meet the Health Department's increasingly stringent controls and standards.

Their present study proposal was to utilize a deep, totally aerated lagoon with a second, even deeper, aerated lagoon for odor control. The double lagoon would then be supplemented with a polishing pond, and the sandy bluff overlooking Grape Creek would be utilized as a dispersion field or slow sand filter for the already treated effluent. A system such as this, if proven feasible would provide for approximately 20 years of solids storage with a 3 to 5 day fluid detention time per lagoon and pond.

The Board also briefly discussed the collection system and in particular the size of lines to be installed. The Board informed the engineers of their desire to plan for, and build in an allowance for, future demands upon the system. Economical factors would of course be a basic control factor in such planning.

A motion was made by Mr. Luthi and seconded by Mr. Kleine to direct the engineers to go ahead with design preparations on the collection system and treatment facility. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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Note: The engineers and several members of the District Board of directors met briefly with Mr. Lea Adams to discuss a site location for the proposed treatment facility. Mr. Adams had selected what he considered an acceptable area of his property near the Northwest corner of the town of Westcliffe on the bluff overlooking Grape Creek. The engineers favored this new location in terms of wind direction, elevation, distance from populated area, and planning for future development; but warned of an additional cost in contending with Mill Gulch and the additional distance factor. The engineers were asked to study the proposal and report to the Board of Directors the amount of additional cost in construction. (The meeting with Mr. Adams followed adjournment of the above meeting).