



Round Mountain Water and Sanitation

Board Meeting via Conference call or Video

August 6, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Greg Smith, Peter Ewing, Randy Wilhelm, Dave Schneider, and Peggy Quint. No visitors are in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the August 20, 2020 Board Agenda: None at this time

Administrative Reports

1. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint

- Two properties had their water shut off due to non-payment. Have not had a response to them at this time.
- Freedom Printing is finalizing the bill design. Should be complete next week.
- Invoice Cloud is waiting on a few items from Caselle and Freedom Printing
- Cash Receipting Module is in and we have been trained. This module saves a lot of steps in payment processing!
- Abi Schneider is out of the office for a few days. She is doing great and really catching on!

2. District Operations Manager – Dave Schneider

- Benoni Jarvis Reservoir – Our attorney is working on a proposed ruling and sent the paperwork in on July 31st along with a preliminary engineering report from our water engineer. By September 30th, our opposers must supply proof or comments of their injury. On the 7th October we go before the Colorado Water Referee for a conference. The most common objection has been that a measuring device is needed on certain areas of the creek to make sure the water is going where it should be.
- Upper Ark – A grant application was sent in on 7/31 to help cover pre-engineering and final engineering costs. Our Water engineer, as he was refining cost estimate numbers for Upper Ark, realized that he initially underestimated the cost of the project by half. The cost is more like \$2 million, rather than \$1 million. There was not enough time to change the amount of the grant request, so we will try to get what we initially applied for. Upper Ark contacted us and tried to figure out how we will move forward. They had set aside the funds that they felt were sufficient, so this was discouraging to them. One idea was that their engineer could work with our engineer and cut some of the costs. The grant application is with the water and power authorities not DOLA. The cost of the project covers only the size of reservoir that would fit on our existing property. If we do an expansion, it will cost even more. The reason it was understated was that Geotech firm study was not in the initial concept, both for the reservoir and the pump station.

- **WWTP Update – We have received an initial cost estimate for the additional WWTP building supports. They are projecting 200 to 300 piers and pilings will need to be put in at a cost of \$2 million. Probably 150 of the piers will have to go 75 feet deep because the existing soil provides little support. Moving the plant is not an option because there are no properties in the surrounding area that would have a better soil makeup. This cost overrun could force us to lose our existing financing options. Dave will continue to communicate with all entities involved and find that extra funding. A discussion continued with ideas as to who we can approach for help with the cost. There will probably have to be an increase in the sewer rates to cover the additional cost. If we must get a \$8 million loan, it would likely be through USDA managed at the federal level. We need to look at every alternative and avenue. Steve brought up the Boettcher Foundation. Peter knows someone that might have a contact for that foundation. He will get back with Dave when he has that contact name. El Pomar may be another option. Charles will look at that foundation. Greg may know of a national list of “grant makers”. Dave said we need to be ready to put this project to bid or we will lose our grant money. Dave’s plan is that if SRF says they will not finance this, he will put together a meeting with all involved and lay the situation out on the table. Currently, we are critically overloaded in our current lagoon system. When Dave has done a BOD (Biological Oxygen Demand) test at the finished site of our plant there is zero dissolved oxygen to measure. If we continue, no amount of oxygen will be sufficient to treat the overloaded cells. It will turn septic and the smell will be worse than what we had already this year. Greg asked if we should limit what we are putting into the system, i.e. RV dumping etc. Our system is currently treating up to 4 times what it was built to process. Communication of this information is important, and Greg stated that he will help in getting this information out as soon as possible. Dave should put together a one-page informational breakdown of what is ahead for the District. Dave feels that he would like to get a little further down the road with what is going to happen with the SRF before sending out a press release. Charles stated that perhaps a workshop may be needed to find a solution.**
- **Meter Replacement Program with Iconergy is going well. The Project presentation was well-received from DOLA and SRF, and grants are available to cover the costs of engineering. Projected income collected from more accurate meters will make our payments.**
- **DOLA and JDS Hydro are offering free engineering consulting working to move this project forward by offering engineering for free. They are possibly coming on board with the Crabtree Study and will update that 2005 Study with an additional Capital Asset Management Program.**
- **Developments going on in town – Haga (Fox Run) has 80% of the sewer mains complete. Sewer taps and stub ins are finished. Incline Investments has purchase three new taps. Greg Quinones still needs to bring in a Letter of Credit. Hartbauer’s easement – Dave is still waiting for that paperwork.**

Old Business

1. **Financial Reports for June 2020 and Approval of Checks for June 2020. Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve the June 2020 Financials and Checks. Steve Lasswell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Discussion on DOLA support for long-term planning with an external consultant – this item was covered in other areas of discussion.**

New Business

1. **Virtual SDA Conference** – Registration \$100 per person – Charles feels it is important that we take every opportunity to get more educated about our district and SDA. Charles made a motion to authorize two board members to attend the SDA Conference (virtually) at a cost of \$100 per attendee. Greg Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Peggy will register Charles Bogle and Peter Ewing and will forward the registration information to them.
2. **Amended Tap Fee Schedule** – As we have sold taps, we have found that we could provide the parts to the customer. They are not sold retail and the amended tap fee schedule will reflect the cost of parts; however, it will not change the fee prices. No change to the fees, just the verbiage for information purposes. At the next meeting, the board will approve the amendment tap schedule. We are not in a position to sell these parts retail, or we will have to acquire a sales tax license. We will stock and keep five sets on hand.
3. **Variance for Individual septic system for Cliff and French St** – An individual has approached RMWSD to ask for a sewer system variance for 823 Cliff Street in Silver Cliff. She wants to build a residence. She was asked to have a perk test done and it came back positive. RMWSD will offer a variance for one septic to serve one building. She wants to have a catering business in this dwelling. This is not a commercial kitchen as most of the food is prepackaged. Silver Cliff is on board with this request. With a motion by Peter Ewing and a second by Steve Lasswell, motion passed 5-0 to accept this variance.
4. **Draper Property discussion** – Dave is considering the need for RMWSD to put this property on the market. The Field Techs will need another office location. The shop could possibly be renovated to accommodate the Field Techs with \$5,000 to \$6,000 in upgrades. A mobile office could also be a possibility.
5. **Randy Wilhelm, Treasurer – Financial Update Report** – Randy felt he had covered everything earlier and did not need to add any more information or comments.

Adjourn at 4:25 p.m.