## ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING May 17, 2018

Board Members Present: Peggy Quint, Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, and Randy Wilhelm

Board Members Absent: Greg Smith

Staff Present: George Medaris, District Manager; Dave Schneider, Operations Manager; Herdis Sobel, Office Manager

Visitors Present: Brad & Marlys Hartbauer, Vicky Holstad, John Johnston, Ken and Joanna Jones, Mike Haga, Fred Hernandez, Tracy Ballard; Wet Mountain Tribune

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda for the Next Meeting: None

## Old Business

1. Revision to Connection Permit Issuance Permit discussion tabled.

## 2. EQR Rate Structure – Continuing Discussion

Manager Medaris said that he, Operations Manager Schneider, and Treasurer Randy Wilhelm have met to discuss the Rate Structure Implementation Options. Those options are: To fully implement the EQR's on both sides with a base rate reduction on the water side; full implementation of the EQR's on the sewer side and maintain the currant water rate; and a phased implementation of the full EQR system. The option to phase in the rate increase in various ways and over time is no longer an option since the delay in implementation has made this option obsolete. Director Wilhelm requested this option be removed from consideration. The District Manager's memorandum lists the rate structure options, and a section establishing the basis for comparison. He went over the water and sewer flows, the number and types of accounts, and the water and wastewater enterprise 2018 budgets. It also shows the rate structure calculations and what the different options will produce compared to what the District needs. The rate increase must at least get us to the point of getting a commitment letter from USDA and getting our interim construction loan and rolling in all allowable expenses. Additionally, there was discussion regarding what expenses could possibly be postponed until a future date. Mr. Medaris reminded everyone that the District is still in the big picture stage.

Each stage of the engineering process fine tunes what will be built, but until we are at the bid stage, we don't know how much it will cost.

## **New Business**

1. Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel

Manager Medaris received the engagement letter for the Bond, but it needs some corrections. Randy Wilhelm made a motion to authorize the District Manager to make the necessary corrections and get the letter in place. Steve Lasswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

District Manager Report
The Jetter has been sent back for repairs
The mysteries under the old shop have been solved and repaired

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Herdis Sobel