

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: George Medaris, District Manager; Dave Schneider, CORC (Certified Operator in Responsible Charge); Herdis Sobel, Office Manager

Visitors Present: Tracy Ballard, Wet Mountain Tribune

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda for the Next Meeting:

Dave Schneider would like to have the GIS company come do a presentation at the March 1, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Public Input: None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the January 4, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for the January 16, 2018 Special Board Meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes for the January 25, 2018 Special Board Meeting
4. Financial Reports and Approval of Checks.

Randy Wilhelm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Charles Bogle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Discussion Regarding January 25th Public Meeting Regarding Rates.

All the Board members, in turn, took five minutes to express their thoughts on the January 25, 2018 Special/Public-Rate Increase Meeting. Most expressed disappointment that no public showed up for the meeting. It was suggested that February's billing should only reflect the increases as related in the Wet Mountain Tribune and send out a letter explaining the new adjusted billing that will be using the EQR (Equivalent Residential Unit) to more equitably distribute the charges. That fee structure could be implemented for the March or April billing.

Some wondered if more advertising about the increase would be in order. Several suggestions were offered as how to go about that. All agreed that the District should aggressively pursue getting a rate survey started. One Board member did have someone approach them on the subject, and they suggested we raise the base rate more and lower the flow rate because of the transient nature of our customer base.

2. Resolution Adopting Changes to District Rates and Rate Structure.

Manager Medaris presented a Draft Resolution addressing the amending of the water and wastewater fees, fee structure and other associated rules. After much discussion and feed-back, the Resolution will be revised to reflect the proposed changes.

3. Resolution Adopting Changes to Connection Permit Issuance and Fees

This item was tabled.

4. Resolution to Approve payment to SWCA Environmental Consultants for the Cultural Resource Survey

The Board was presented Resolution 2018-4, affirming the District Managers contracting with SWCA Environmental Consultants to conduct Cultural Surveys of the construction sites. Charles Bogle made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-4. Steve Lasswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

District Manager Report

1. Water Quality Improvement Fund Denial of Grant

Manager Medaris informed the Board that the application from CDPHE for the \$100,000 water quality improvement fund grant was denied.

2. Status Report on Wastewater Treatment System Replacement

Manager Medaris gave a recap of all the meetings and phone conferences for January. USDA has money left in the 2017 budget that they would like to give to us, but the Search Grant must be closed first. Receiving the report from SWCA Environmental Consultants and getting the approval of SHPO (State Historical Preservation Office) should be the final step in closing the grant.

Mr. Medaris and Mr. Schneider had a phone conference with the CDHPE group, including Randy Ogg, permit writer; Amy Zimmerman, lead engineer; and Mandy Mercer, enforcement specialist. This was Mandy's first meeting and going forward she needs to be included in all correspondence. They have reviewed the compliance schedule we sent the end of December. The State doesn't really have a problem with our submitted compliance schedule showing the plant completion for next year, but with the unspoken understanding that: It will be completed, and it will comply when we are say it will; or the State will intervene. The second part of the conversations was about our PEL's (Preliminary Effluent Limits) having a secondary water quality issue of total dissolved solids needing to be of less than 400 ml or 1.25 of background concentration. Our background concentration is unknown. Manager Medaris explained what total dissolved solids are and where they come from. Testing needs to be done to determine if we have a problem and to see

where best to tackle this problem. Do we treat at the beginning of the system or at the end? Questions about RO (Reverse Osmosis) treatment; very expensive, but effective. This could put us back to square one; but could also open the possibility for surface water discharge. Right now, there are a lot of unknowns.

3. Silver Cliff Ranch

Manager Medaris attended the Silver Cliff town meeting and felt there were no objection to Round Mountain pursuing the exclusion of Silver Cliff Ranch. Since the meeting, he has learned that there may be an issue with wells being on five-acre lots vs thirty-five acre lots. It is unclear if the augmentation plan with Upper Ark is exemption enough for SCR to be separated from RM. More research needs to be done.

4. Discussion Regarding Funding for Wastewater Treatment System

This item was tabled.

CORC Report: Dave Schneider went over his CORC report; reporting on projects completed and ones coming up. His CORC report is on permanent file.

On Wednesday, January 31st, Silver Cliff experienced water pressure and outage issues. Dave Schneider explained that there was a failure in the SCADA systems located at the tanks which prevented the wells from operating properly. A faulty wire at the tanks, caused a frozen view of a full tank on the operators monitoring dashboard. It was finally determined that this communication breakdown caused the water tanks to drain. Once the problem was determined, the faulty wire was repaired and both wells were turned on to fill the tanks. Service was restored by evening.

Dave, Steven, and Jackson will be attending the CRWA convention the second week of February. Steven and Jackson will be testing for certifications on Friday the 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Herdis Sobel