



Round Mountain Water and Sanitation

Board Meeting via Zoom Video

September 3, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 2:03 p.m. by Charles Bogle

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Randy Wilhelm, Peter Ewing, Steve Lasswell, Greg Smith, Peggy Quint, and Abi Schneider

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative Reports

1. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint – The 2019 audit went well. The auditors will be presenting on September 17th and the report must be submitted by the end of September. RMWSD used Fromm to the utmost last month, but Fromm is honoring their \$2,000.00 monthly contract limit. They wrote off over \$2,000.00 above that limit for the month of August.

The David Howard property is in the process of selling and the delinquency will be off of our books. This was a big item for Fromm and the auditors since our delinquency percentage is fairly high. This will take care of nearly \$10,000.00. The buyer is also interested in another property that belonged to Brendan Gall and has a high delinquency bill.

Our billing company, Bill Flash, sent out an excess of e-bills to our customers. We have been receiving several phone calls from our customers about this. We will be moving forward with a new billing company, Invoice Cloud. Everyone should have their brand new paper bills from them this billing cycle. Please let Peggy know what you think.

Old Business

1. Retainment of SGM as Engineering Company for Round Mountain Water and Sanitation – Charles Bogle asked for comments on the workshop from August 28th. Steve Lasswell thought that it was a good session. He was disappointed that the numbers stayed about the same as before. He thinks that the peer review is very necessary. Greg Smith agreed with Steve. He thought that Brandon Bair seemed pretty plugged in but Chad Paulson did not. He thought that the peer review was important. The concrete numbers are based on shipping concrete from Salida, but Beach may be able to do it for less. The concrete number is probably the most likely to change. Randy Wilhelm is disappointed in how SGM has not kept RMWSD informed. He does not want to start all over again with the engineering. Peter Ewing was wondering if the peer review is premature. He does not have a preference on which company will be used for the peer review. Charles pointed out that SGM has done preliminary designs for three different plans throughout the engineering process. RMWSD payments to SGM have totaled nearly \$500,000.00. The original bid from SGM was not detailed; it was a one liner. We cannot reasonably put the plant anywhere else. We do have a basic design. Charles asked if the board is

willing to continue to work with SGM moving forward. The board agreed unanimously to continue working with SGM.

New Business

1. Peer Review of WWTP Project Discussion and Direction – Charles recommended having both JDS Hydro and HR Green as peer review companies. HR Green is the bigger organization, but JDS Hydro has connections with DOLA. The basic design of the wastewater plant is not what is being “peered”, rather the project cost is what is being evaluated. The goal is to satisfy USDA when additional financial assistance is requested. JDS Hydro will support us in a peer review at our cost. Charles Bogle asked if we should have any other reviewing companies. Greg Smith thinks that we have two good choices. Financing is going to be the difficulty at this stage. Steve Lasswell said that the peer review needs to flag any specific areas of risk and confirm project cost.
2. JDS Hydro Scope of Project – Randy made a motion to approve JDS Hydro’s budget. Greg seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Wrapping up – Peter brought up Dave’s email about his having ten weeks of accrued leave time. Peter recommended adopting Army and Navy policies regarding leave. Greg asked if the auditors had been concerned about the fiscal responsibility. Peggy said that the auditors had not mentioned it. Charles asked Peggy what the current vacation policy is. It allows for only four weeks to be rolled over at the end of the calendar year. Charles mentioned changing the policy or making an exception so that Dave does not lose his time. Peter suggested that Dave take one day off a week until the end of the year. Charles recommended suspending any actions that would cause Dave to lose any of his comp or vacation time.

Adjourn at 3:23 p.m.