



## Round Mountain Water and Sanitation

### Board Meeting via Zoom

### Minutes for May 21, 2020

Call to Order at 2:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Greg Smith, Randy Wilhelm, Peter Ewing, Dave Schneider, District Operations Manager, Peggy Quint, District Business Manager, Courtney Cole, Administrative Assistant, Carl Hurst and Scott Griffith, Iconergy, and Elliot Jackson, The Tribune. Steve Lasswell was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the June 4, 2020 Board Agenda

1. Motion to stipulate out of the Upper Ark blanket Decree of Application recommendation from Water Attorney

### Administrative Reports

1. **District Operations Manager – Dave Schneider:** Dave introduced Carl Hurst and Scott Griffith from Iconergy. There was a presentation done by Iconergy. Board members received them just prior to the meeting. Carl and Scott went through the PowerPoint presentation. This presentation was scheduled for March, however, was put on hold until we could meet. We met Carl at the SDA Conference in September 2019. A lot of work has been done since then. Carl has found the District a perfect fit for his program. The presentation is included in this set of minutes. Board had a brief discussion and agreed that they look forward to working with Iconergy. They will be in contact in a month or so. Board feels strongly that the district customers will ultimately see that we are trying to update our equipment, and this is a better use of the resources that we have. The service life of the new meters will be a great update to what we have. This will allow us to monitor the usage and be able to address any large leaks quickly.

**WWTP** – Verbal approval of PDR, waiting on a signed copy. SGM sent some building designs. Dave gave them some edits on the inside design, ideas on the outside facade, roofing, etc. We have approval of the lift station site application. The soil core sampling is complete. The outcome of that is good and the ground is great for construction of the plant.

**Upper Ark decree blanket augmentation plan.** Water Attorney sent an email. He is happy with the negotiations and has suggested that we stipulate out. We are waiting on a final, clean version of a discussion that we have in writing and we will do a final red line on that.

**Reservoir feasibility study** with the Upper Ark and the grant application has been sent in and we are waiting on the results from that. The objectors to the water application to amend our reservoir alternative site are pushing hard and Dave is looking at emergency options to address potential depletions during this dry season. Two options: one is a small water right that Horn Creek has and is not using. That does not look like it will become a reality. They purchased the right but never got it decreed. We need 12-acre feet of water and theirs is not enough. The other is the Smith Well rerouting out of the Smith Well and dumping it back into the creek to address our depletions. Dave will check with our Water Engineer. We will rotate the well motor

90 degrees and cut a hole in the side of the building and piping will go down to the creek. This is only for emergency situations. It would take about an hour to switch from distribution to augmentation. The Gallery Well would be used solely. The Smith well is pumping enough to keep up with the current situation. We are currently diverting water at the Johnson ranch and are attempting to put about 100-acre feet into Deweese storage. Unless something changes, we should have augmentation water until the end of July.

**Old service line that rotted out in Silver Cliff.** A repair was done about 11:00 p.m. The switch out was done in about 15 minutes and residents probably didn't even notice it. Charles would like Buck to be involved in the notification list when this type of situation happens.

- 2. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint** Peggy and Courtney have been in communication with Gretchen from Invoice Cloud and Caselle. She is confident that moving forward would be in the best interest of the District. The Cash Receipting Module is a must-have for the Caselle program that we use. Peggy will let Invoice Cloud know in the morning what the Board has decided. The consensus from the Board is that we should commit to Invoice Cloud.

**UBB** is requesting written minutes that record board approval of adding an additional account for Development Warranty Funds with the same signatories. Greg made a motion; Randy seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 in approval. This account is for holding and disbursing cash warranty securities that developers are required to deposit before the start of a new housing development or main line extension.

- 3. District Consultant – George Medaris** George was not in attendance

#### Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
- 3. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for April 2020**  
**Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Randy Wilhelm Second: Peter Ewing Motion Passed 4-0**

#### Old Business

- 1. Grape Creek Bill Discussion** Board has received the suggestion regarding the past due on Grape Creek that Dave and Peggy agreed upon. Board feels that it supports precedence and helps the customer repay with a reasonable monthly payment. We will remove the previously billed late fees and split up the amount owed into 12 monthly payments. This monthly amount will be added to the regular monthly billing amount for a period of a year. Motion made by Randy Wilhelm to inform customer of the decision on the billing solution as presented, second by Greg Smith. The motion passed 4-0.
- 2. Carl Hurst – Iconergy** – already reported.
- 3. In-person meeting Discussion – moving forward** - Charles thinks we should continue to have our board meetings via zoom. No one is adamant about it either way. It is agreed that for a little while longer, we should meet by video. If we had more than 10 people wanting to participate in person, we would run into an issue about everyone being in the same room. We will continue to send out the invitation to those that are interested in attending during this period of time.

## New Business

**1. Approval to open a new account at UBB for Development Warranty Account (this is needed by the bank as recorded in minutes for their files)** this was covered during District Business Manager's Report section.

**2. Lagoon complaints and resolve for the issue.** Dave updated the Board on the operational part of the lagoon system. What we are asking our lagoon system to do what is beyond its capability. The system is overloaded, and we had a fast turnover this Spring, killing a lot of bugs that are needed to keep up with the work. Also, one of the aerators went down. Something hit the impellor and it will have to be rebuilt at the cost of about \$4,000.00. An aerator from another pond was put into the first pond. Also, we are pumping water from the middle pond into the first pond. Dave would like, with board approval, to order some wastewater "bugs" from a company that he used prior to George's arrival at the District. This approach would help address the problem rather than mask the problem. It is very expensive to attempt to mask the odors and Dave would like to keep from spending thousands of dollars to put a bandage on a system that we are soon replacing.

The lagoons were put in 25 years prior to the housing developments that are close to the ponds. At that time, the Feed Store building was closest to the ponds. In 2000, it was advised by the District that people should not build close to the lagoons. However, they built anyway. It is a reality that sewer lagoons produce odors. It is not concentrated enough to be poisonous or deadly. It is annoying. We are addressing the problem the best way we can with limited finances. A group of concerned citizens met with Dave and has written an official complaint, including sending the letter to the local papers, the public health nurse, and state agencies. It has opened a dialogue with people working with the State agencies that are aware of our situation and are realistic about the problem. They realize that a total replacement of the WWTP is the real solution. Dave and the Field Techs are working very hard to find a temporary remedy. The State is comfortable about where we are at this point, including Mr. Kurtz who is a lead engineer in the State engineering division. Dave is hoping that a 55-gallon drum of wastewater "bugs" will help address the overloading of the system, but he may have to order more if the lagoon does not stabilize. Randy asked what was going to happen to the ponds once the WWTP is built. The ponds will be online until the plant is completed and operational. It will take about a month for the transition. We will wean off the lagoons and they will be turned into digesters. We will have a dredger come in and the product of that dredging will be dried and hauled away. During the dredging process, strong odors will be produced. Dave would like to respond to the letter that was sent out by this group. Greg will assist Dave with this communication.

**Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.**