

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
April 5, 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, Operations Manager; Herdis Sobel, Office Manager

Visitors Present: Tracy Ballard, Wet Mountain Tribune; Julie Olomon, Vista Celesta; Vicky Holstad, Custom Property Services; Tony & Esme DeLange, Incline Homes.

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:

1. Finalize the Resolution concerning issuance of water and wastewater connection permits and letters of availability of service.

Public Input:

Julie Olomon, owner of Vista Celesta Apartments expressed her concerns over the pending EQR rate increases and how they will impact the community. Some businesses will be able to pass on some or all the expense, but others will not. She asked if RM knew the exact cost of the project and had they gotten different opinions on the wastewater upgrade requirement. Manager Medaris told her two engineering studies have been done on the lagoon systems. One, ten years ago, by a different company than the one doing the study now. Both studies showed that the lagoon system would need to be replaced by a mechanical plant. This upgrade is required by the State (CDPHE). Round Mountain understands the undesirable impact this will have on the community, but the lagoons are past their limit and out of compliance.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for the March 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.
3. Financial Reports and Approval of Checks.

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

Old Business:

1. Resolution Establishing Rates and Equivalent Residential Unit Multipliers for Multi-Residential, mixed commercial/residential and other non-single-family users.

This item will be tabled until after the public meeting on April 19, 2018.

New Business:

1. Vicky Holstad presentation.

Ms. Halstad submitted written comments regarding the negative impacts to the community if the district proceeds with the proposed rate increases. The written documents contained several suggestions for other ways to structure rates, which in her opinion would be a fairer distribution of costs.

Ms. Halstad also provided a copy of a letter of understanding dated July 5<sup>th</sup>, between the Manager of RMWSD and Mr. John Comerford, concerning the exchange of four ¾" taps for one 1 1/2" tap. Ms. Halstead believed that that letter was an agreement which prevents the district from changing the way the park is billed.

Manager Medaris responded and told her that her proposal will be reviewed and considered. He also addressed the letter stating that in his opinion the letter was a statement of the existing billing policy of the district at that time and did not bar the district from changing how the property was billed in the future. But that he will have it reviewed by the district's attorney.

2. Resolution 2018-8 to authorize Transfer of Water and Wastewater Permits (DeLange)

Manager Medaris went through the Resolution, explaining the DeLange's would like to move a tap from a vacant Silver Cliff property to a vacant lot in Shining Mountain Estates.

Greg Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-8. Charles Bogle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Citizen Request for Special Meeting on April 19, 2018

Steve Lasswell and Charles Bogle will be out of town on April 19, 2018. Peggy Quint, Randy Wilhelm, and Greg Smith will be able to attend. It was decided to go ahead with a public meeting as requested and planned at Rancher's Roost/Bowling Alley's Conference Room, on April 19, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

4. Request by Greener Heights LLC to purchase water.

Manager Medaris sent an email to them but has not received a response yet. This item, tabled for now.

5. Resolution Authorizing the District to enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement.

Manager Medaris read Resolution 2018-9 detailing the purchase parameters for the property at 59920 Hwy 69, such as price, terms, and interest rate. This property is being purchased by the Sanitation Enterprise and is desirable for its adjacent location to the land application property. The land will be utilized to install

monitoring wells. Charles Bogle made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-9. Randy Wilhelm seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 6. Christy Patterson easement research

Christy claims that the District promised a free tap in exchange for the sewer easement to Shadow Ridge. However, no written agreement has been found. Randy Wilhelm found a sewer easement granted to the Town of Westcliffe at the Court House.

#### District Manager Report:

##### 1. Status of Engineering Work

A site application report has been given to the Town of Westcliffe, the Town of Silver Cliff, and the County Commissioners. George will be meeting with the Town of Westcliffe at their April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to answer any questions. A 4x8 sign needs to be posted announcing the site for the new wastewater plant. Negotiations with the engineers need to begin regarding the next phase of work.

##### 2. Status of Grants/Loans

Joe Montgomery, from USDA, will be sending more paperwork to be signed by Friday.

Mr. Medaris and Mr. Schneider will be attending a meeting with the water engineer and water attorney on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Denver.

The public meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> should also be posted on Facebook and the county bulletin board.

#### CORC Report:

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

##### 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvements

Infrastructure upgrades and moves are mostly complete. The valves in the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Rosita will be replaced Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Herdis Sobel