



Round Mountain Water and Sanitation
Board Meeting via Conference call or Video
October 1, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 2:06

Roll Call

Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Peter Ewing, Greg Smith, Randy Wilhelm, Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Abi Schneider, Doug Schwenke from JDS Engineering

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the October 15, 2020 Board Agenda

2021 Budget

Administrative Reports

1. District Business Manager – Peggy Quint

There is nothing new to report. Everything is going great in the office and we are continuing to move forward with Invoice Cloud and our new billing company.

2. District Operations Manager – Dave Schneider

Jarvis Reservoir Update – Dave spoke with Mr. McGuire, the owner to the south of the project who is one of the objectors. The RMWSD easement would not impact his land or stream usage. The meeting went well and the situation should not be as contentious as it could have been. We did get a \$15,500.00 pre-engineering grant from the Colorado Water Board that will be overseen by Gracie at Upper Ark.

Iconergy Water Meters – Dave has been finishing up a million-dollar grant request to DOLA as well as a project need assessment document for a state revolving loan water fund grant opportunity. We have a \$10,000 grant already. There is a good chance that we could get a significant grant to cover the actual design costs. We have two meter companies to choose from: Badger Meters and Camstrop. Dave recommends that we use the existing cellular communication towers for electronic meter reads. A possible complication would be if the meter chips become obsolete with data upgrades, but this should not be a problem over the 20-year lifespan of the meter.

Development Updates – The Haga project is just about done; they just need to test the manholes. We will release the letter of conditions shortly and get another for the two-year warranty. Easel Solutions is splitting

their project into separate water and wastewater projects. We still need a letter of conditions and a signed agreement from them. We have already okayed the design.

Old Business

JDS Engineering – JDS Engineering came to town for a field visit today, Thursday the 1st. They met with the Board to present the work they are doing under the DOLA small system assistance program. As such, today's trip will be mostly billed to DOLA. They toured our collections and distribution systems. JDS recommended looking into getting a DSV: Discharge Specific Variance. We already have a five-year variance on the arsenic level requirements.

JDS will also be conducting a peer review of the wastewater treatment plant planning, documentation, and estimates. This review will be funded out of pocket by RMWSD. JDS will provide preliminary information within 30 days. Charles asked if we should only have one peer review or if we should continue to reach out to HR Green. We are waiting on a cost estimate from them. Dave also spoke with Joe from USDA last week and has received a verbal assurance that if we can justify the numbers that SGM has, USDA will make a way for the highest grant assurance possible.

1. SGM and WWTP cost and timeframe presentation to the public

We are considering doing additional boring to get a better concept of how many piers we would need at what depths. We will communicate more publicly when we have a solution and will be ready to offer information as needed in the meantime.

2. Approval of audit

Motion: Randy Wilhelm Second: Greg Smith Vote: 5-0

New Business

1. Approval of RMWSD replacement well and AMI water metering system project DOLA Grant Application Submission

DOLA requires a board motion to submit the grant proposal.

Motion: Steve Laswell Second: Greg Smith Vote: 5-0

2. Review staff benefit package

ORC, Steven Koch, is considering moving to Laramie, WY to take a job that offers family insurance. The board discussed offering raises vs. increasing RMWSD's benefit package to include family insurance. They requested that Dave and Peggy gather additional information about other local benefit packages and salaries as well as financial feasibility.

Adjourned at 3:58