### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

### FOUNTAIN SANITATION DISTRICT

### **February 9, 2022**

# Opening:

Mr. Christian called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fountain Sanitation District to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 9, 2022.

#### **Directors Present:**

### Also In Attendance:

Mr. Christian Dr. Durbin Mr. Holtz

Mr. Blankenship

District Manager Jim Heckman Office Administrator Cindy Murray District Engineer Jonathan Moore Attorney Scott Johnson Consulting Engineer Roger Sams

Guests in attendance: None

At this time, Dr. Durbin made a motion to excuse Mr. Thomas from the meeting. Second by Mr. Blankenship. Motion carried.

# A. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Durbin made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2022. Second by Mr. Holtz. Motion carried.

## B. Approval of Bills

Dr. Durbin made a motion to approve the bills for January 2022 for payment. Second by Mr. Holtz. Motion carried.

\*The Board reviewed the financial statements for January 2022 at this time with no questions or comments.

### C. Special Business – None

#### D. General Business -

1. District Engineer Jonathan Moore reported that he is working on a bid package for the Wilson Road Sanitary Main replacement project. This project will be for the replacement of approximately 800-feet of 12-inch sanitary main in Wilson Road. He has submitted construction drawings to the City of Fountain and is waiting for comments. He is anticipating this project will go to construction within the next few months. Mr. Long has been in touch with his material supplier contact about PVC pipe availability and was informed that PVC prices remain very volatile. All pipe distributors have been notified of another price increase occurring within the next two weeks. Staff has made the decision to buy the pipe for the project and store it until needed. They are going to purchase 840 feet of 12-inch sanitary main for approximately \$21,000.

- ✓ He reported that he is still working with the Railroad Company. They have requested Mr. Moore move the alignment and Mr. Moore again let them know why the District cannot move the alignment of the sanitary pipe. He will keep the Board updated.
- ✓ He reported that the BNR project at the HDT facility is close to completion. The contractor had had a minor setback with one of the baffle walls. It was installed approximately 10-feet off the designed location, which will need to be corrected. He will keep the Board updated.
- 2. Consulting Engineer Roger Sams reported on some regulatory issues he continues to follow. He stated that the Division has issued modifications to their wastewater system design criteria for review and comment. Roger stated the District continues to be well represented by AF CURE on the regulatory issues that may affect the District. He will keep the Board updated.
- 3. Attorney Scott Johnson reported that most of his time has been spent on the LaPlata Development.. He stated that Mr. Heckman and Mr. Moore held a direct meeting with the LaPlata Development representatives, and they had a lot of misinformation about the District. After that conversation, all involved parties have decided to move forward with trying to work out solution that would be acceptable for all without the involvement of any legal counsel. He will keep the Board informed.
- 4. District Manager Jim Heckman reported on the following items:
  - ✓ Mr. Heckman reported that he and Engineer Moore had a meeting with the LaPlata representatives and Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) on the Amara Subdivision Annexation issue. He stated that CSU and the District have the same understanding regarding the provisions of wastewater service regardless of if the Amara property is in or out of the City of Colorado Springs. Any need for sanitary sewer service must be requested, acquired or other agreeable means through and by the Fountain Sanitation District. They will continue to negotiate with CSU. He will keep the Board updated.
  - ✓ He reported that Ms. Murray has started preparing for the 2021 audit. She has been gathering documents requested by the District Auditing firm, Clifton Larson Allen.
  - ✓ They are working on putting together and submitting the 2021 annual reports due for Stormwater, Biosolids, and Nutrients for both facilities.
  - ✓ He reported that a semi-truck tried to enter the RJCII property for a turn around and ended up causing significant damage to the District's entrance sign, electric fence and keypad controller. Staff was able to get all of the driver's information along with a police report. The incident has been reported to the District's insurance.
- District Manager Jim Heckman reported on the following RJCII Facility items:
  - ✓ Mr. Heckman reported they had a State Inspection of the RJCII facility on January 6, 2022. There were no major violations however the inspector will issue his report on Friday, February 11, 2022, with some minor findings related to the District's Stormwater Management Plan. There are some questions about two trench drains around the aeration basins which were installed during initial construction in 1997. They are looking into the need for a permit even though the groundwater flows are periodic. At a minimum the State



will require the District to sample the discharge water for several parameters such as metals and PFAS. He will submit the inspection report to the Board when received.

- Operations Manager, Tim Long attended the meeting to report on the following Collection system item:
  - ✓ Mr. Long reported the Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool (SL-RAT) currently in use on the District's collection system. He stated RH Borden was hired to provide the District a rapid assessment on all its sanitary pipeline system that is 12-inches and smaller. The tool consists of a transmitter placed in one manhole and a receiver in another, it assesses the condition of a line by emitting a sequence of tones. It then provides a condition score based upon the amount of sound allowed to pass through a given pipe diameter. Any scores seen in the field that would indicate a potential problem is addressed immediately. They have completed 1,756 manhole to manhole segments, 35 of which had a score of 2 or less. Of the 35 segments, 16 were identified as potential blockages and only two of the 16 had potential for future problems and those were immediately addressed. Overall, the District's collection system is in good very good shape, and they feel that this service was cost effective and time saving. The baseline assessment also identified where the District should be concentrating its limited resources in maintaining the overall system. The plan is to use the SL-RAT annually if the budget allows it. Staff does believe this service will save on the wear and tear of the Vaccon units and will defer the need to replace this type of capital equipment for several years. . Discussion followed.

### E. New Business - None

### F. Other Business – None

### Adjournment:

Dr. Durbin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm. Second by Mr. Holtz. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 pm. on March 9, 2022.

Minutes submitted by:

Cynthia Murray