

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWER FOUNTAIN  
METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 9, 2024**

**Opening:**

Dr. Durbin called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District (LFMSDD) to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 2024.

**Directors Present:**

Dr. Durbin  
Mr. Christian  
Mr. Blankenship  
Mrs. Bandfield *via telephone*

**Also in Attendance:**

District Manager Jim Heckman  
District Administrator Cindy Murray  
Consulting Engineer Roger Sams

**Guests in Attendance:** Mr. Holtz, FSD Alternate, Joseph Rasmussen, CSU representative

**A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2024
- b. Approval of Bills for Payment – April 2024
- c. Review of Financial Statements – April 2024
- d. Approval of Investments and Transfers – April 2024
- e. Ratify Assets Purchased over \$500 – April 2024

Mr. Christian made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Second by Mrs. Bandfield. Motion carried.

**B. Special Business- None**

**C. General Business**

1. District Manager Jim Heckman reported that before moving into the next phase of the BNR project, which is to make the temporary walls for BNR permanent, staff wants to verify that the current process is functioning at an optimum capacity. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out weeks ago to several consultants with the deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Jonathan Moore and Tim Long are reviewing the submitted proposals for optimizing the treatment process and ultimate location of the permanent walls.
2. Consulting Engineer Roger Sams reported that the Water Quality Control Commission's rulemaking process has commenced. He reported that the rulemaking hearing in May should have no impact on the District because it deals with permitting fees for drinking water assessed on public water systems and commerce and industry sector. The Arkansas River Basin Water quality standards and stream classification rulemaking hearing is scheduled for June. He will keep the Board updated.
3. Environmental Legal Report – The written report of the District's environmental legal counsel, Ms. Connie King, was previously distributed to the Board of Directors. The Board

had no questions or comments.

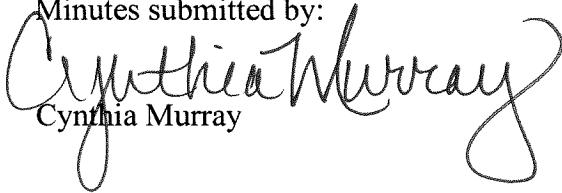
4. Mr. Heckman reported that they continue to struggle with the Ceriodaphnia dubia or “water fleas” in our Whole Effluent Toxicity or WET testing at the facility. The issue is not with survival but reproduction. They completed another Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) and there was spontaneous disappearance, which means the Ceriodaphnia responded as normal. Mr. Heckman stated that he spoke with the Water Quality Control Division, and they gave their approval to perform the regular WET testing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. He stated staff continues to be frustrated in finding a solution or problem with what is causing the non-reproduction issue. He will keep the Board informed.
5. Mr. Rasmussen with CSU briefly updated the Board on the Amara project. He will continue to keep the Board updated as the project progresses.

**D. Other Business – None**

**Adjournment:**

1. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. Second by Mr. Christian. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on June 13, 2024.

Minutes submitted by:

  
Cynthia Murray