

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
FOUNTAIN SANITATION DISTRICT**

August 9, 2023

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 August 9, 2023.

Directors Present:

Mr. Christian
Dr. Durbin
Mr. Holtz
Mr. Blankenship
Mr. Thomas

Also In Attendance:

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

Guests in attendance: None

A. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Holtz made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2023. Second by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Bills

Dr. Durbin made a motion to approve the bills for July 2023 for payment. Second by Mr. Holtz. Motion carried.

*The Board reviewed the financial statements for July 2023 at this time with no questions or comments.

C. Special Business –

1. The Board was updated on the Bandley Road Fountain Creek Armoring project with NRCS. Mr. Heckman reported the District has received the executed Notice of Award for the project funding from the NRCS. The total approved funding budget including both construction and engineering costs will be \$1,374,000. NRCS will fund 75% of the project costs and the District will fund 25%. NRCS will also fund all engineering and project management costs. They will be holding an onsite predesign meeting on August 11, 2023, to go over the project scope and make sure everyone agrees with the proposed design. Mr. Heckman continues to work with the property owner for a temporary construction easement and he and Mr. Moore continue to gather the other approvals needed from the other governmental agencies.

Mr. Moore reported that he met with the Flood Plain Administrator for El Paso County and he agreed that the proposed improvements will not be in the flood plain so there will not be a need for a permit. He also met with the Corps of Engineers and petitioned them to waive the permit because the flow is outside of the current flow of water. They should give him an answer within two weeks. They will keep the Board updated.

D. General Business –

1. Assistant District Manager Jonathan Moore reported on the Calle Entrada sewer replacement project. He reported that the project had begun. There was a small setback on the Rustique pipeline replacement project, a major water main line in Rustique was mismarked and the District's contractor hit the line. This caused a shutdown of the railroad and Comanche Drive for a period while it was fixed by the District's contractor. They will seek reimbursement from the appropriate entity. The contractor anticipates this project to be completed in about two weeks. A part of the project includes changing a manhole in Fountain Mesa Road which will redirect flows south to Comanche Village Drive.
 - He reported that the All-American Asphalt has completed the seal coating/crack filling at the HDT facility and the RJCII facility. He stated that he is pleased with the results.
 - He reported that the Railroad vacation and purchase of right-of-way at the RJCII facility should be completed soon. Once that happens, they will provide the City of Fountain an easement for their 36-inch water main line crossing.
2. Consulting Engineer Roger Sams reported that the WQCD is proceeding with rulemaking hearings. To the best of his knowledge, the Division has not engaged in water preparatory work for the June 2024 rulemaking hearing for Arkansas River Basin. After some meetings with the new permits section manager, he believes the current discharge permit renewal will be pushed out to at least 2027.
3. Attorney Scott Johnson reported on the PFAS class action suit. He spoke with the attorney in Denver who went over the process of the suit, who the key players were, etc. and believes that there is nothing yet to identify that would allow the District to make a claim. He is suggesting that the District does not sign up at this time. Brief discussion followed.
4. District Manager James Heckman reported that staff has begun the 2024 Proposed Budget process.
 - He reported that they are slowly catching up on the stored sludge at the RJCII facility, the hauling contractor is sending at least one extra truck per week.
 - He reported that the feed pump on the gravity feed belt is starting to fail. Tim Long is trying to get one expedited for replacement. The cost will be approximately \$10k.
 - One of the large 25hp pumps at the Little Ranches Lift Station needs to be replaced. They have ordered one and the cost will be approximately \$25k. they are keeping the old one with the bad motor and will send it to Denver for a rebuild, no one in Colorado Springs or Pueblo will work on it due to it being submerged in sewage. The rebuild will cost approximately \$18k and will become the emergency spare pump.
 - A training session on the large format scanner was held for staff and scanning all the large flat paper maps into electronic format has started.
 - He reported that Parrish Jackson has left the District to take a position with Ft. Carson. The District has two operator positions open now. There has not been any luck with applications.

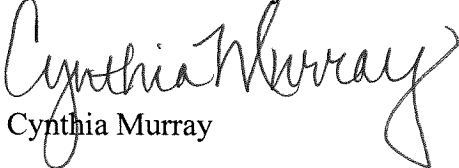
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- Mr. Heckman reported on some HDT items:
 - Tim Long informed him that they passed the 2nd mandatory accelerated test and failed the 3rd. The District must pass the next two required accelerated tests, or they will have to go into the Toxicity Identification Evaluation Phase of the testing.
 - They have accepted a bid to repair the entrance road going into the HDT facility. He also reported that the heavy rain events in June sent sheet flows into the effluent channel below the facility outfall to Hanover Road destroying the natural channel. He does not plan on having the District spend its funds for repairs as of now and believes the water purveyors should make the repairs if wanted.
 - He reported that they completed 218 locates this month.
 - He reported that there were 18 inspections since last month: 12 residential, 2 commercial and 4 point repairs.
- E. New Business – None**
- F. Other Business – None**

Adjournment:

Dr. Durbin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm. Second by Mr. Blankenship. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 pm. on September 13, 2023.

Minutes submitted by:


Cynthia Murray