

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Silverthorne Fire Station

Attending Board members:

Jon Whinston
Billy Jack

Barry Westerland

Greg O'Neill

Others attending:

Deborah Polich NP Services, Inc.
Stan Wagon 36 Spring Beauty Drive

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM.

Minutes. *The minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting were approved as written. (Jack/Westerland,4-0).*

2016 User Rates. Deborah Polich provided via email a summary of potential rate increase ranging from only covering the Buffalo Mountain Metro District (BMMD) increase, including a 5% increase for capital funding, and an alternative of a 2.2% capital contribution increase. Following discussion regarding the desire to continue with aggressive funding of future infrastructure repairs and improvements, the Board directed the 2016 rates and budget to be prepared for the November budget meeting include the 5% capital increase and the BMMD increase for the base water and sewer user fees.

Water. The District will continue to pursue alterations to the BMMD contract that would be more equitable for all parties. A summary of the last two years of BMMD billing appeared to indicate the meter reading cut off used by them resulted in increased overage fees in comparison to the electronic readings maintained by the District. There was a discussion regarding the existing wells. Only two wells are used for production. The effect on water rights may need to be considered as part of any decision to abandon Well #5. The Bashore well water source option can be revisited regarding the cost of treatment compared to the BMMD contract and a separation of the water and sewer portions of the agreement. An independent sewer line only utilized by Mesa Cortina could follow the Bashore water line alignment. Another option would be to maximize the production of the existing wells plus adding a third production well as the sole source of water. The water demand in the future with full buildout of the District is an additional factor. Previous discussions and analysis of the issues have been inconclusive regarding if an option other than the BMMD source would be sufficient, cost effective, and reliable.

I&I Service line repairs. RKR provided a bid on the repairs to the service line and to abandon the unused tap at 1525 Royal Buffalo Drive. Due to other utilities and asphalt the cost was approximately \$30,000. The abandonment portion was a cost of the District and the service line work the responsibility of the owner. An alternative repair from Snowbridge required limited surface disturbance and would be at a substantially lower cost estimated from \$5,000 to \$7,000. The Town of Breckenridge has been using Snowbridge for approximately 30 to 40 similar service line repairs. While the work was best done in the warmer months and not during I&I flow, it could be done almost at any time during the year. The Board would continue to consider the repair method on Royal Buffalo Drive and as a potential solution for other service line problems identified in the I&I video work as a more affordable repair. Barry Westerland left the meeting during the I&I repair discussion.

Other. Information provided through the Special District's Association regarding sewer service lines and sewer backups titled Cover Your Flush will be put on the website and a future billing will direct

owners to the information. There was a discussion regarding the water tank top concerning repairs to the metal, the foam covering, and adding a roof to the tank.

Next meeting. The November meeting, including a public hearing on the budget and the 2016 rates will be held Thursday November 12, 2015 at the Silverthorne Fire Station. Attorney Tim Flynn will attend the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.