

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Silverthorne Fire Station

Attending Board members:

Jon Whinston

Randy Rehn

Greg O'Neill

Others attending:

Deborah Polich NP Services, Inc.
Jeff Leigh District Manager
Stan Wagon 36 Spring Beauty Drive

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Vault Controls. Jeff Leigh reported preliminary conversations with Mountain Peaks Controls regarding new vault controls that may better address the limited needs of the District at a reasonable cost. There will be a meeting with Mountain Peaks to determine if the communication option they would like to use for their proposal will operate in the District. The new controls would require an internet connection at the vault and use an alternate communication feed to send the meter readings from the Star DCU installed at the tank.

BMMD 2016 Rates Increase. There was a discussion regarding a letter to the Buffalo Mountain Metro District (BMMD) indicating the opposition of Mesa Cortina to the 40% rate increase. Jeff reported the contract with BMMD is being reviewed by Attorney Tim Flynn and other associates in his office regarding their opinion of the agreement and options for Mesa Cortina. It was felt the capital costs used by BMMD to develop the rates were excessive.

Treatment Tech. Jeff Leigh will be obtaining signatures on the final version of the Treatment Tech contract.

Shooting Star Vault Project. Jeff reported the vault project was nearing completion. The final grade excavation was being worked on. Jeff did not have the final costs as of this meeting, but expected them to be as previously estimated at approximately \$40,000. There are some cost increases agreed to by the Board that will increase the final cost some.

Water Tank. CW Divers completed the inspection and cleaning of the water tank. While the final report had not yet been received, overall the inspection went well and the tank appears to be in good condition. The cost of the work will be approximately \$2,300 that includes replacement of some of the cathodic equipment. The recommended time frame between inspections is four to five years. Some small areas of the exterior foam covering required repair. Jeff indicated he has the foam, but was not sure if the work could be done yet this year.

Jeff indicated the Snake River Water District is interested in obtaining Forest Service land for a water tank and may be another party Mesa Cortina could work with in a future swap of multiple Forest Service lands. The District may benefit by acquiring the land as the special use permit cost increases annually and is around \$2,300 at this time.

I&I Service line repairs. Jeff indicated he will contact RKR to determine if an estimate and schedule date can be obtained for the owner service line repairs. The owners are responsible for the cost of the repair. One repair would be shared with the District to abandon an unused sewer tap within the same excavation.

Security Cameras. Jeff did not feel he would be able to complete the security camera installation this year. As the internet connection may be moved to the vault for the new tank controls, it is possible the current system may not be suitable.

Scheduling. Jeff reported he will be out of town from August 26, 2015 through October 20, 2015. Deborah Polich will work with Tim Flynn regarding scheduling of the Budget meeting in November.

Financial. Deborah provided the Board with information that the pending BMMD 40% rate increase would require a 14% water base rate increase and 9% sewer rate increase to pass through the BMMD increase and continue the 5% increase for capital projects.

Other. The Association semi-annual meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2015. There was a discussion of the presentation of the District report at the meeting. The meeting could be an opportunity to inform owners of the BMMD rate increase.

Minutes. *The minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting were approved as written. (Rehn/O'Neill,3-0).*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Following the meeting adjournment, there was a discussion regarding the Summit County requirement of bonding for road cuts in the District related to the road repairs done by the County. The County indicated to Jeff Leigh that if the District contributed \$5,000 to the 2014 road repair, they would drop the bonding requirement. The fee for bonding is related to the cost of each project, but for the last water line repair the bond cost was approximately \$450.