

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COLORADO CENTRE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 5:30 PM
4770 Horizonview Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Board Members Present:

Michael Cantin

Shawn Eccles

Joan Lucia-Treese

Karen Terry HARVEY 

President, Chairman

Vice President, Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Also Present: Al Testa, Cindy Monroe, Josh Winter, Paul Anderson, and Sandy Goad

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

Director Cantin called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm.

B. Roll Call - Determination of a Quorum.

A Quorum was present. Director Terry was absent.

A motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Director Terry. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Acknowledgment, Notice and Consent to Regular Meeting-Entered with the minutes.

II. General Business Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2013.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2013. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Board's Time.

Director Lucia-Treese reported that she attended the HAC meeting yesterday. She spoke with Jim Reid and he followed up with Sheriff Maketa regarding patrolling the Colorado Centre area. The Sheriff's Department has made 35 stops and issued 20 tickets so their presence is in place. The speed bump on Chieftan Drive was vandalized and the County came out and repaired the damage. The Marksheffel South project will take place in 2014-2015. There will be four phases. The Drennan and Marksheffel intersection will be straightened during this process.

C. Changes to the Agenda

Dr. Testa introduced Bradley Heights Attorney Steve Mulliken at this time and requested that he be able to address the Board regarding the Bradley Heights status. Mr. Mulliken related that the project is on hold at this time but they still want to come up with a workable deal that will provide benefit for all parties. Dr. Testa commented that there have been on-going discussions with the City and questions asked of the City regarding CCMD water issues. The problem is that the City has never countered with any comments/ideas.

Mr. Mulliken reiterated that they are still working on making this development a reality. He congratulated the Board and Staff on the opening of the Harold D. Thompson Water Reclamation Facility.

D. Public Comments – Maximum of 5 minutes per person who has signed in.

No Public Comment.

E. Financial Review (Cindy)

- Bank Balances

Ms. Monroe gave the report on bank balances at this time. As of August 20, 2013 the District has \$3,678,405.28 in funds. The District's expendable funds are \$3,453,902.50.

- Budget Review (Current budget comp)

Ms. Monroe presented the budget review for calendar year 2013 month of July.

Dr. Testa commented that the trees within the sewer easement will need to be cleared away. All the stumps will also be treated to eliminate any re-growth. Three bids were submitted that ranged from \$15,000 to \$120,000. Tall Timbers Tree & Shrub Services submitted the bid for \$15,000.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Tall Timbers Tree & Shrub Services proposal to clear the trees within the sewer easement. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Financial Transactions

A check was signed to transfer monies into checking for the substantial payment to LFMSDD for the August, 2013 capital contribution for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

F. Review and Approval of Payables (Board)

The Board reviewed the list of payables.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the current list of payables. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

G. Presentation of 2nd Draft 2014 Budget – Unofficial

Dr. Testa presented the unofficial second draft of the 2014 Budget. Due to the uncertainty of costs for wastewater treatment, the budget for 2014 will probably show an increase in sewer charges (proposed to go up to \$7.50 per thousand gallons treated: 2013 is \$5.95 per thousand gallons).

The District has also had discussions regarding building a water treatment plant with a business office addition. If this is accomplished then the fees for fire protection would need to be increased slightly to facilitate the additional expenses that would be incurred if the fire station is a stand-alone facility. All these future possible changes need to be taken into account when doing the budget. All these proposals are unofficial and presented for the Board's consideration. The first budget hearing will take place at the October 24, 2013 regular board meeting.

H. District Operations

- Water, Sewer and Parks Operations (A1)

Dr. Testa reported that all systems are running efficiently. The field personnel will be applying mulch in the park areas. Vandalism in the parks continues to be a real problem. We may have to consider installing pole mounted wireless cameras to catch the vandals.

The Board suggested that some type of shade canopy or pavilion would be desirable in the skate board park area. Dr. Testa will research this. The skate board park has been a huge success.

- Water and Sewer Demand and Augmentation Reports (A1)

For the month of July we produced approximately 10.4 million gallons and sold approximately the same amount. Water use is down because of the large amount of rainfall. The water loss is minimal. We pumped approximately 4 million gallons of wastewater to Widefield. The augmentation report was given for the augmentation period November 2011-October 2012.

- Update on Cuchares Development (Sandy)

Twelve lots have been sold in Filing 5. The total to date for all the filings is 235. Filing 6 is in process. Filing 7 is the last filing.

- JCC Channel Improvements – County Drainage Fee?

This project is completed. Questions put forth by Dr. Testa regarding the drainage fees for Colorado Centre have never been answered by the County. The drainage fees are all going to Lorson Ranch. County Commissioner Dennis Hisey inquired about this issue and was never given an explanation from the County either.

- Bradley Heights Update (AI)

Reported on earlier. Bradley Heights/Case Attorney Steve Mulliken was present.

- Relocation of CCMD's Sewer Effluent from FSD to LFMSDD

This project has still not been started. Bidding will begin on September 8, 2013. We will probably be flowing by November or December.

I. Legal Report (Paul Anderson)

Mr. Anderson reported that regarding the WQCD nutrients issues, a discharge variance work group meeting will be held on September 6, 2013. An administrative action hearing will be held on October 7, 2013. Mr. Anderson discussed the removal of the use protected designation on the Fountain Creek Segment 4 to which the Lower Fountain will discharge. Lower Fountain would prefer to address the nutrient issues during the re-segmentation of Fountain Creek. The use protective designation was a step forward but there are still a lot of issues to be aware of. If the proposed regulations are imposed, the costs could be prohibitive for all special districts.

Mr. Anderson prepared a Draft Service Agreement Amendment for Lower Fountain and presented it to the Board. It is under consideration by the Lower Fountain Board.

- Maintenance Easements to Cuchares HOA

The maintenance easements to Cuchares HOA were completed and recorded.

- Tract A Park, Filing 6 Conveyance, Access and HOA Maintenance

The Urban Grant Agreement is contingent on CCMD owning the land. Until the land is conveyed to CCMD the Urban Grant Agreement is on hold.

- J. Emergency First Responder Services Report (Tom Byes)

In Chief Byes' absence, Assistant Chief Josh Winter reported that in the last month there were 15 alarms with 9 being medical and 6 miscellaneous (traffic accidents, rattlesnake removal, etc.).

He commented that the CCMDFD received a thank you from Sheriff Maketa for their assistance with the Black Forest Fire. The CCMDFD covered an area that Colorado Springs covers to free up the Colorado Springs fire department for the efforts in the Black Forest.

Assistant Chief Winter thanked the Board and Staff for the opportunity to serve the Colorado Centre Metropolitan District.

- K. Fountain Mutual Irrigation Company – (AI)

Minutes of the July 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting was included with the board packets.

Discussions regarding replacing management were undertaken and it was concluded that all will try to work together more efficiently without replacing anyone. There are ongoing discussions regarding Big Johnson Reservoir (we own 10 percent) and Headworks issues. There have been discussions with CSU regarding renewing the lease agreement for Big Johnson Reservoir.

- L. Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District (Mike Cantin)

Minutes of the July 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting was included with the Board packets plus the Agenda for the August 15, 2013 Board Meeting.

- Progress Report

Director Cantin commented that there is substantial completion enabling them to start releasing retention monies. Roger Sams commented that we should be able to close the contract by February, 2014. The Grand Opening took place today at 1:30 p.m.

- M. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session needed.

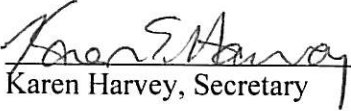
III. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Cantin, President



Karen Harvey, Secretary