

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

Thursday July 23, 2020 at 5:30 PM
4770 Horizonview Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Board Members Present:

Floyd Edwards	President, Chairman
Jackie McClintock	Vice President
Joan Lucia-Treese	Treasurer
Norman Wodell	Secretary
Kenneth Grant	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also Present: Dr. Al Testa, Josh Winter, Pedro Velasquez and April Ruesewald. Paul Anderson participated by telephone.

I. Preliminary

- A. Call to Order
Director Edwards called the meeting to order at approximately 5:49 pm.
- B. Roll Call – All Board members were present. Determination of a Quorum.
A Quorum was present.
- C. Acknowledgment, Notice and Consent to Regular Meeting - Entered with the minutes.
- D. Director Lucia-Treese presented the invocation.
- E. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. General Business Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2020 and Special Meeting of July 8, 2020.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2020 and Special Meeting of July 8, 2020 Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Board's Time

Director Wodell mentioned that there have been lots of comments about our new ballfield and believes it would be beneficial to publicize more about it.

Director Wodell commends Director Edwards for taking charge of the board.

C. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

D. Discuss transition Issues Post Cindy's Departure

Dr. Testa advised that everyone has been working diligently regarding Cindy Monroe's departure.

Dr. Testa advised that there has been research regarding a new accounting program and payroll program.

E. Discuss New Customer Support Hire

Ms. Ruesewald introduced Ms. Romero, The District's new Administrative Assistant. Ms. Romero gave a brief description of her background and introduced her husband, Michael Romero.

Director Edwards welcomed Ms. Romero and her husband to Colorado Centre Metropolitan District.

F. Public Comments

Tim Howell had a concern and stated his biggest question was he was wanting to know what was in his water for contaminants. Director Edwards and Dr. Testa both referred him to the Consumer Confidence Report. Mr. Howell also asked about the hardness of the water and why the District doesn't soften it. Dr. Testa advised how individual home owners have many different options of softening their water. Dr. Testa advised how our manganese and iron levels are below state standards. Colorado Centre meets every drinking water standard. Dr. Testa advised hardness is not a standard. Dr. Testa advised that there had been discussions in the past regarding building or adding a softening component to our treatment and it was determined it was not cost efficient.

Tracy Collins had a follow up questions regarding if the District will have future discussions regarding a secondary water source and possibly looking at softening the residential water. Dr. Testa advised with the direction of the Board the District could start looking into what it would cost to add a softening component.

Tracy Collins had one other question regarding the area by the water treatment plant. Dr. Testa advised that this would be the area for the new Administration Building.

Andy Tuthill mentioned that his belief was purchasing a water softener for the individual's home was more cost efficient than paying for a water softener for the entire water treatment plant.

G. Review of District Finances (A1)

- Bank Balances

Dr. Testa gave the report on bank balances at this time. As of July 14, 2020, the District has \$3,522,032.30 in funds.

- June 2020 Budget Comp Review

Dr. Testa reported on the June 2020 Budget Review.

- Bank Transfers and Other Financial Activities

- \$9,000 grant was issued which is 50% reimbursement for the radios as mentioned further in the meeting by Chief Winter in more detail.

No Bank Transfers

H. Approval of Payables

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

I. District Operations.

- Parks, Water and Sewer Systems (Pedro)

Mr. Velazquez reported the daily average water use is 500,000 gallons. We are pumping 4 to 5 days a week, 24 hours a day. This is causing more of chlorine to be used and Mr. Velazquez had to place an order for some more.

Mr. Velazquez reported on the lead copper testing that was done last month. He advised all 20 houses were under the actual levels. In August they will be doing the organics testing. Mr. Velazquez reported regarding the bacteria testing that they do every month. In the last 15 years, we have never failed a test.

Mr. Velazquez reported that the wastewater daily average is 150,000 gallons per day.

Mr. Velazquez reported that they have received 300 tons of breeze rock for the new park and been working very hard at putting the breeze down.

Mr. Velazquez reported on work orders and line locations they have been working on.

- Augmentation and Usage Reports (Al)

Dr. Testa reported that the District produced 13,499,000 gallons and sold 13,277,646 gallons of water. The wastewater to water ratio is 39.4% for the preceding month. Dr. Testa also reported on the augmentation plan data.

- Sewer Usage Rate Evaluation (Al)

Dr. Testa reported on Sewer Rate Comparison for the District's residents.

- Status Report from Water Counsel

Dr. Testa gave a briefing on what our Water Counsel is working on.

J. Legal Report (Paul)

- Proposed Consultant Agreement Form

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consultant Agreement as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Proposed Update to Rules and Regulation Section 4.6 – 7-10-20

Mr. Anderson reported on changes that were made to Rules and Regulation Section 4.6 -7-10-20.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes to Rules and Regulation 4.6 and 4.7. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson advised that the meeting for the long-term emergency plan has been delayed until the Board gives the go ahead.

Mr. Anderson reported on the paid sick leave bill that recently was signed by Governor Polis; it will not affect the District immediately but it will start January of 2022. He stated we have time but will need to review District policy regarding sick leave and perhaps update employment agreements consistent with the new requirements.

Mr. Anderson reported the Water Quality Control Commission adopted Policy 20-1 as presented by the Water Quality Control Division at the July 13 administrative action hearing. He is reviewing this policy to determine how it might affect District operations and its implications per the PFAS bill (HB-1119).

Mr. Anderson advised that the Lacey Estate Shares have been sold by other means and the Personal Representative forgot to inform the District.

Mr. Anderson reported he has not heard any update regarding the pre-purchase of sewer capacity by Colorado Springs beyond Al's email with Brian Whitehead at CSU.

Mr. Anderson reported he has not heard any update on City's Utilities Board Water Regionalization Effort.

Mr. Anderson advised that he has not heard on anything regarding Copart.

Mr. Anderson reported on Legislation matters.

K. Fire Department Report (Josh Winter)

Chief Winter advised that he was going to ask for money. The Fire Department been 40% below what our average has been. That is because of the pandemic and fall in line nationally with other Fire Departments. Since the last Board Meeting, there has been 7 Alarms. 3 medicals, 1 hazmat, 1 traffic accident and 2 public assists. Chief Winter commended the first responders on duty for how the traffic accident was handled.

Chief Winter reported on why the Fire Department was 1% over budget at the moment. He explained he has had to offer incentives to get contractors in to cover more shifts this year and all the contractors are working at other Fire Departments and are being overworked. Chief Winter also advised that he has brought on another firefighter and is in talks with another to spread out shifts and keep all shifts covered.

Chief Winter reported on the State Grant he applied for to cover a part of the new radio equipment cost. Chief Winter reported he applied for half the

cost, or \$13,500 and \$9,000.00 was awarded; he believes this was due to the limited funds available and the number of grant applications submitted.

Chief Winter asked the Board for direction on whether to purchase all the radios up front, which is his preference, or to purchase some of the radios with available funds; he is not sure when the grant money will come in but it will be received after the equipment is purchased. Director Treese states that she prefers all the radios to be purchased upfront for safety purposes.

A motion was made and seconded to award \$27,091.04 to Motorola solutions for radios for the Fire Department. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- L. Fountain Mutual Irrigation Company (Dr. Al Testa)

Dr. Testa reported that they had to pull a permit regarding the cleaning of the bottom on the reservoir.

- M. Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District (Floyd)

Director Edwards reported the Lower Fountain plant has operation and maintenance problems which Tim is handling.

- N. Executive Session

No Executive Session.

III. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 6:54pm. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Floyd Edwards, President

Norman Wodell, Secretary