

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

WIDEFIELD WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Held: Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at 8495
Fontaine Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80925.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance Were:

Mark Watson, President
Mark Dunsmoor, Vice President
Dan Ittner, Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Mesite, Jr., Assistant Secretary
Ryan Watson, Director

Directors Absent (excused):

None.

Also in Attendance:

Lucas Hale, District Manager
Kelly Smith, Director of Administrative Services
Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland
Members of the Public: Jean Smith

Call to Order

President Watson noted that a quorum of the Board was present and that the Directors had confirmed their continuing qualification to serve, and therefore called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Widefield Water and Sanitation District to order at 12:01 p.m.

Notice

Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by law. The notice also included the agenda items. Certification of such posting is attached hereto.

Disclosure Matters

President Watson reported that conflict of interest statements had been received from all directors and previously filed with the Secretary of State at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Copies of the statements are on file with and available from the Colorado Secretary of State.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of such meeting were approved unanimously.

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Financial Matters

Mr. Hale presented the monthly financials and summary financial report noting the plan to invest additional reserve funds in a money-market to increase investment income. There were no questions from the Board. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the monthly financials.

Mr. Hale presented to the Board the 2025 draft budget and rate increases previously described in detail at the October meeting. There were no significant changes from the draft presented in October. Mr. Hale described minor changes to increase to operation and maintenance expenses for software maintenance, vehicle repair and increased sampling costs due to a different and more expensive PFAs testing method required by the State. There were no changes to the capital outlay or CIP budgets and no changes to the proposed rate increases. Vice President Dunsmoor and Mr. Hale discussed the rate increase recently approved by CSU and how they are typically much cheaper for the District due to the economies scale in wastewater treatment.

President Watson then opened the public hearing on the proposed 2025 budget and rate increase. Hearing no public comments, President Watson closed the public hearing.

Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution to Establish Fees, Adopt Budget, and Appropriate Funds for the Fiscal Year 2025 as presented.

District Manager's Report

Mr. Hale presented the District managers report as contained in the Board packet. There were no questions from the Board.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Bannister presented the engineer's report as contained in the Board packet.

Question from Director Ittner: What the status of Cross Creek Road and repaving project?

Mr. Bannister: The District has been in touch with the City of Fountain to discuss this issue. The City is dealing with budget issues and looking to find funds to repair this road.

Question from Director Mesite: Is there room in the budget for the generators and completion of that project?

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Mr. Bannister: The price of the generator project increased during construction, but all of the project expenses are covered in prior years budgets.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Norris discussed the process and procedures for annual statutory compliance items. Mr. Norris also discussed several potential and anticipated property transfers and easements with the Board. Finally, Mr. Norris discussed the status of pending litigation involving the developer and contractors for the Aspen Grove development. The District may be called to provide testimony at trial in this case as a non-party.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Secretary