

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Durango Sanitation District was held on November 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 65 Mercado Street, Durango, Colorado.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Curt Piccoli
Bud Gohn
Judy Campbell
Tom Price

Also present were Dave Marsa, Doug Davis, Rick Johnson and Bud Smith. Stephan participated by phone.

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 19, 2023. On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Board reviewed and approved payment of the District invoices.

The October 2023 financial statements of the District were reviewed. Total operating and administration expenditures are well below the projected budget level. Additional funds have been transferred from operating reserves to non-operating reserves. The Board reviewed the investment report which shows interest earnings of 5.45% will provide \$183,826 in interest earnings.

The monthly operations report was presented.

- Effluent quality is good. Flows to the plant have dropped to normal levels.
- Dave provided a copy of the manganese report which is a requirement of the District permit compliance schedule. The report shows the district effluent manganese levels are well below expected limits. No additional treatment will be required to meet those limits.
- The well has been connected however three phase panel has not been installed. The Board advised Dave that installation should be completed immediately.

Rick summarized the status of various development projects in the District.

Rick advised the Board that mapping updates are complete. The updated mapping can be utilized using phones and computers so paper maps are not necessary.

San Juan Engineering has been working on the Wilson Gulch access project. Rick believes a simpler, less expensive alternative which would not involve relocating the Grandview trunk line will be the best option.

A new memo for the Three Springs Crossing pipe upgrade was reviewed. Projected flows for the area served by the project are estimated at 1811.6 ERTs and total project costs are estimated at

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\$517,000. Attorney Smith recommended the Board consider requiring an impact fee of \$285 for all taps served by the project. A resolution establishing that fee will be presented at the December meeting.

The Board discussed the need for a computer system upgrade and the installation of an office trailer at the plant. Staff was instructed to investigate costs for those improvements.

Rick explained to the Board the need to review collection system videos to develop a list of areas that need to be repaired. Staff will begin that work this winter.

Attorney Smith explained that the District could fund the project and recoup the cost of the upgrade by charging an impact fee for all connections served by the line. A more detailed proposal will be prepared for the Board's consideration.

Rick provided a priority and cost table for engineering projects including finalizing the master plan, biosolids treatment and disposal upgrade, Wilson Gulch access and relocation, as-built and mapping update, and the Three Spring Crossing pipe upgrade. Rick will continue to prioritize these projects and work with Bud on budgeting selected projects for 2024.

Attorney Smith reviewed an analysis of the fees that would be charged to the City for treatment of the La Posta Road service area. The City is submitting a site plan to CDPHE for the lift station. As that review is underway the District will need to develop a final agreement with the City for treatment services. Additional work on that project is anticipated in 2024.

The Board discussed improvements to the Trestle Lane access. The Board authorized Rick to proceed with Bonds Construction on the project.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.