

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
P.O. Box 1189
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Minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting
North Branch, Summit County Library

President Jon Whinston called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

Board members present; Chuck Gray, Bob Brockmeyer, Jon Whinston, Randy Rehn and Billy Jack

Attorney present, Tim Flynn of Collins Cockrel and Cole.

Manager present, Jeff Leigh

Operator present, Matt Willitts of Water Solutions, Inc.

Public present, None

Minutes of the November 2, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

The first item of discussion was the November 30, 2004 memorandum from water attorney Evan Ela of Collins Cockrel and Cole. Currently Mesa Cortina owns 8.295 acre-feet of augmentation water through a contract with the Middle Park Water Conservancy District. At issue is whether Mesa Cortina should convert its'8.295 acre-feet of Middle Park augmentation water into 5.25 acre-feet of Dillon Reservoir storage. Having our augmentation water closer to our point of depletion is advisable according to Evan Ela. The cost of this conversion is estimated at between \$1000 - \$3000. After a short discussion, Randy Rehn made a motion to initiate the process of converting Middle Park water to Dillon Reservoir storage and to provide notice of such intent to Denver Water. Chuck Gray provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Operator Matt Willitts asked for a few days to review the memorandum as he had not previously been provided a copy and make any comments he may have. The Board granted his request.

The first item under New Business was the adoption of the Mesa Cortina Water and Sanitation 2005 budget. After a brief discussion, Randy Rehn made a motion to approve resolution 04-12-1, adopting the 2005 budget; resolution 04-12-2, appropriating money from the District's Enterprise Fund and resolution 04-12-3, a resolution not to certify general property taxes and authorizing the certification of a zero mill levy. Chuck Gray seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of discussion dealt the issue of pursuing the possibility of purchasing water from the Town of Silverthorne. Manager Jeff Leigh had a meeting with Silverthorne Town Manager Kevin Batchelder and Public Works Director Bill Linfield on November 18. Both agreed to bring the idea before the Town Council at the December 7, 2004 work session. Jeff will follow up on the results of the work session discussion.

In the wake of the 3 water main breaks in October and November and the discussions with Silverthorne over water, the Board indefinitely postponed the engagement with HRS

Water Consultants to video the three Mesa Cortina wells and initiate a hydrogeology report. The estimated cost of these 2 phases of their proposal was roughly \$7,500.00

Manager Jeff Leigh reported on the creation of a new building lot on Lakeview Drive through the county planning process of re-instating a lot lines abandoned prior to October 1, 1981. The creation of the lot was approved by the County a couple of months ago. The owners have secured capacity in the Joint Sewer Authority's sewer plant by purchasing a sewer tap from the Buffalo Mountain Metro District. The owners have not to date purchased Mesa Cortina water or sewer taps. The cost of taps for lots not in existence as of October 1, 1981 is currently \$11,000.00 and subject to change at the Boards discretion. Jeff was instructed to contact the new owner and the one other outstanding tap fee owner to pursue collection of the fees.

Operator Matt Willitts of Water Solutions, Inc. gave an update on the rash of water main breaks the district has recently experienced. The total cost of the three breaks has been estimated at \$26,000.00 which includes the cost of replacing one of the outdated small fire hydrants at the corner of Salamons Lane and Lord Gore with the standard 6" hydrant. Poor water main bedding is believed to have contributed to the breaks. Matt has almost completed the rebuilding of the four pressure reducing valves. He estimates he will be approximately \$1,300.00 over the budgeted amount of \$20,000.00. Rebuilding of the Lakeview Drive lift station pump rails is the last major project budgeted for 2004. Due to increased water consumption during the winter months, the project may get pushed back to the spring of 2005. Matt also presented for the Board pictures of the main breaks, samples of the broken pipes and current maintenance log books for the water and sewer infrastructure.

The next regular scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. at the north branch of the Summit County Library, 651 Center Circle, Silverthorne.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Leigh