

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, June 6, 2006
Blue River Room – Silverthorne Library

Attending Board members:

Chuck Gray	Billy Jack
Randy Rehn	Jon Whinston

Others attending:

Jeff Leigh	District Manager
Matt Willitts	Water Operator, Water Solutions
Bob Polich	District Administrator, Mountain Systems

President John Whinston called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM

Minutes. *The minutes from the May 2, 2006 meeting were approved as written. (Rehn/Jack,4-0).*

Operations. There was a general discussion of maintenance projects including a collection system survey, hydrant replacement, tank maintenance, the well #5 water line break, and lift station rebuilding. It was decided to defer any survey of the collection system due to the expense of accessing the manholes. Hydrant maintenance was estimated to cost \$28 per hydrant to operate, oil and check. There were approximately 30 hydrants. *Approval was given to proceed with hydrant maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. (Rehn/Jack,4-0).* Six hydrants were in need of repair. The hydrant near well #5 was out of service and was an old hydrant model with no parts available. Hydrant replacement was about \$6,000 each. The Board indicated replacement would be done when necessary and useful to the system in the future. The 300,000 gallon water tank had various maintenance issues including deterioration of the outside polyfoam covering and some internal metal deterioration. The District installed anode rods last year to retard the metal deterioration. Matt reported the rods were in place and working as intended. The bid to upgrade the exterior finish was approximately \$10,000. Work on the interior would require taking the tank out of service. Service could either be from reworking the Buffalo Mountain Metro connection or installing a small temporary tank. The roof of the tank was a concern. The tank discussion will continue at future meetings. Well #5 was taken out of service due to a line break near the location of a prior break in the galvanized water line. At some point the galvanized line was changed to copper to enter the PRV vault. Replacement of the line was projected to cost \$20,000 to \$30,000. The well was capable of supplying approximately 4,000 gallons per day or 128,000 gallons per month. Based on the cost to purchase water from BMMD the repayment cost of the line replacement would take over two years. There are additional questions regarding the low production capacity of the well and potential issues with the well

casing if a new line was installed. *A motion was made to keep the well out of service until more information regarding replacement of the water line could be determined. (Jack/Gray,4-0).* Matt provided estimates from Snowbridge and Clearwater for the repair of the sanitation lift station. There were options in the repair based on the findings after the station was cleaned out. In summary, the bids ranged from a low of \$3,000 to correct the immediate problem of a leaking connection to \$15,000 to install a completely new pump system. *A motion was made to have Clearwater clean and examine the existing station bid at \$1,425 (Rehn/Gray,4-0).* Based on the information learned from this work, a decision would be made regarding the next step. There were several main line valves that required maintenance. The Board requested any valve problems be documented. *A motion was approved to do valve maintenance when an excavator was on site for another job with the valve work not to exceed \$2,500. (Rehn/Whintson,4-0).*

The C/O for 572 Lakeview had been signed off.

There was a discussion regarding the availability of information on well pumping, the concerns regarding excess pumping of wells and the amount of water purchased from BMMD. Recently the water purchased had been authorized to increase from 7.5 to 10 gpm. The target pumping numbers from well #4 are 6 gpm and from well #6 10 gpm. Well #5 is out of service. There is a question regarding if reduced pumping levels from the wells is a result of meter / probe fluctuations or reduced water volume. The data continues to be refined to obtain a clearer indication. The Board discussed the amount of water to acquire from BMMD based on needs, costs and pumping results. *A motion was approved to increase the volume of water from BMMD from 10 gpm to 14 gpm. (Rehn/Jack,4-0).*

Buffalo Mountain Metro District. There was no new information to report on negotiations with BMMD regarding the water and sewer cost. There was a discussion of the idea proposed to purchase an interest in the rented sewer line to reduce quarterly operating cost and eliminate the long-term rental costs. The discussion was deferred to a future meeting pending a response from BMMD.

Water Solutions Contract. There was a continuation of consideration of the Water Solutions contract from the May meeting. Concerns identified included the price increase, the exclusive clause, scope of services and including the cost of attending meetings in the base fee. Time constraints prevented a further discussion of the topic. *A motion was approved to continue the contract discussion to the July meeting, but to authorize payment of the proposed new base rate beginning with invoice for service provided in May. (Rehn/Whinston,4-0).*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.