

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, January 6, 2009
Blue River Room – Silverthorne Library

Attending Board members:

Jon Whinston	Barry Westerland
Billy Jack	Chuck Gray
Randy Rehn	

Others attending:

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

Vice President Randy Rehn called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

Minutes. *The minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting (continued to December 17, 2008) were approved. (Rehn/Jack,4-0).*

Other. The Board authorized a credit for the 4th Quarter 2008 District billing to Bob Brockmeyer in appreciation for the work he has done in the past for the District. The ball valve shutoff for the Bashore well has frozen. There was a discussion regarding insulation of the valve and if it would be effective without a heat source. It was not anticipated to be a problem to wait until the spring to replace the valve.

Jon Whinston arrived at 5:11 PM.

Jeff Leigh reported he had changed the type of investment accounts at Alpine Bank to increase the interest rate. Jeff had copies of the District maps available at the meeting. There was a discussion of the home at 182 Shooting Star that has been abandoned by the owners regarding if the water should be turned off for non-payment. *A motion was approved to have District Operator Matt Willitts locate the curb stop valve to allow the water to be shut off in the event of an emergency. (Rehn/Gray,5-0).* The Board indicated Matt should use his discretion to defer this action if the snow removal would be time prohibitive.

Master Plan. There was a discussion if the desire to have the District independent from the Buffalo Mountain Metro District (BMMD) water purchases and sewer line rental was part of the original service plan or an informal goal. The current status of the District water lines relative to age, original construction, condition and how replacement would be determined was discussed. The maps indicated the District had approximately 20,000 feet of sewer lines. In 2008 there was video done on 5,000 feet of sewer line with 1,000 feet cleaned. Discussed was incorporating regular video and cleaning of sewer lines into the routine maintenance operations of the District. *A motion was approved to obtain a proposal from RNR for sewer line cleaning and video of 15,000 feet of District sewer lines. (Whinston/Gray,5-0).* Matt

Willitts would contact RNR to obtain a position on the schedule for this spring in coordination with the other members of JSA.

There was a discussion of the fall aerial flyover that would provide a picture for the District and its use in future mapping. The Board could become involved in the mapping information research. The Board requested a clarification prior to the next meeting of the status of the sump pump survey with regards to owners who did not respond and verification of the disconnection of sump pumps from the sewer line.

There was a brief discussion regarding if additional test wells should be developed. At this meeting the progress on the master plan was to obtain cost information for regular sewer line maintenance and the understanding the additional data to be gained from sewer line video work would be used for long-term planning of sewer line repair and replacement.

Operations report. There was a clarification of the manhole work done to date by Jeff Leigh in the drainage area. The upper manhole drainage changes were completed, but may have been altered by the property owner. The lower manhole may need additional grading. Water Operator Matt Willitts reported the 2009 monitoring schedule had been received and he was working on some corrections of the State data. Matt summarized the continuation of work on the Source Water Assessment (SWAP) developed by the State that contained incorrect data regarding Mesa Cortina. The Board approved maintenance of security locks when at the locations of the locks in the District for other work. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the benefits of expenditures to make the prior sewer lift station visual level sensor operational. Items included the non-operational fire hydrant (for maintenance purposes) near the vault, the question if a redundant system was needed, and the lack of an electronic control system reporting from the lift station. At this time pending further information there was no decision made by the Board. The District has 30 fire hydrants. One is out of service and one can be used for fire protection, but cannot be maintained. Both of the problem hydrants were in close proximity to fully operational hydrants. There was a discussion regarding an hourly fee to repair the water system notification dialer rather than incorporation of the cost in the routine maintenance contract.

Matt presented a proposed contract renewal for the District that included a base rate increase from \$1,525 to \$1,975 and an hourly rate change from \$60 to \$70. The Board questioned the 30% increase in the base fee. Matt indicated the increase was throughout all his contracts based on the financial projections of his company. There was a lengthy discussion regarding if the current bare bones contract was the best match for the District, the expectation of work within the base fee, and potential options to provide the best value of service to the District. The Board requested additional information regarding a more inclusive contract to be considered at the next meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday February 3, 2009 at 5 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM