

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Blue River Room – Silverthorne Library

Attending Board members:

Jon Whinston	Barry Westerland
Billy Jack	Randy Rehn

Others attending:

Bob Polich	District Administrator, Mountain Systems
Jeff Leigh	District Manager
Tom Vandeventer	106 Spring Beauty Drive
Ron Shuman	Patriot Management

President Jon Whinston called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM

Minutes. *The minutes from the March 11, 2009 were approved as written with a correction that Jeff Leigh was present at the meeting. (/Westerland/Jack,4-0).*

Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Update. Jeff Leigh had submitted a letter to the Joint Sewer Authority detailing the actions taken to date by the District to correct the I&I problem. McLaughlin Engineering had submitted a supporting letter. Both of these items were requirements in the process to mitigate the proposed capacity fine for the I&I. The District had exceeded the sewage flow maximum during the warm period in March. Randy Rehn and Jeff had spent the morning checking flow in accessible manholes and determining coverage on buried manholes covers. A final determination of the depth of coverage on the manholes would need to wait until the ground frost cleared. There was no excessive flows observed today, but the flow observed was clear indicating some I&I was occurring. The video and cleaning from RNR was scheduled for April 22nd. Last year the RNR work was done during flows of 40 gallons per minute (gpm) and flows of 50 to 60 gpm were necessary to provide the best I&I data.

Operations Report. District operator Matt Willitts submitted a report to the Board via email. Jeff summarized the report at the meeting. The report on the system inspection done in the fall of 2008 by the Colorado Department of Health was received in March. As required, Jeff has submitted an email response to the Department on the minor deficiencies identified during the inspection. The minor deficiencies to correct included evidence of animal burrowing under the concrete well pad; vault lid repair; wiring corrections; and adjusting the discharge flapper to close tightly. Jeff indicated in his response the security at the plant was considered adequate and the District was planning on installing chlorination equipment in the future. The Board discussed the ground water regulation changes mentioned in the Water Solutions report. The Board felt they need more understanding of the regulation change before they could consider any action required. Matt had prepared the Consumer Confidence Report required to be mailed to all users by July 1st and it was including in the April billing. There

was a water line main break on Spring Beauty Drive. The repair was completed by RKR at a cost of just over \$9,000. A large asphalt patch will be necessary this summer to complete the repair. The District utilized all Buffalo Mountain Metro District (BMMD) water following the line break for chlorination purposes. Jeff repaired a pinhole leak in the copper pipe in the vault. The vault fan failed. A replacement fan has been received and Jeff will install it.

There was a discussion by the Board to clarify their policy regarding optimizing the usage of the monthly base amount of water from BMMD. Utilizing a 50/50 split between water from BMMD and the wells did not maximize the available base water from BMMD per the water usage reports provided to the Board. Jeff indicated he would adjust the ratio.

Operator Update. Ron Shuman of Patriot Management attended the meeting to express his interest in District operations in the future. He currently was not a licensed operator. After his comments to the Board, Ron left the meeting.

Jeff provided a summary of the proposals received to date. The proposal from AAA was for \$1,850 monthly with an hourly fee for additional work. They had extensive experience and their references were mostly favorable, with the primary concern of added charges. A proposal was received from Treatment Technology through a reference from Jeremy of Breckenridge Sanitation. Jeff met with Treatment Tech on site and received favorable reports from the references provided. The proposal from Treatment Tech was a monthly fee of \$1,100 with an hourly rate of \$65 for additional work. There were numerous calls from the ad that ran for a total of four weeks at a cost of approximately \$500. However, many of the calls were from interested individuals currently without an operator license. There was a discussion of the firms that submitted proposals and contract terms. Jeff indicated based on his meeting he was comfortable with Treatment Tech. *The Board approved a motion to retain Treatment Tech as soon as possible to overlap services with Water Solutions, subject to an additional verification of references, a legal review of the contract, and an 90 day opt out clause in the contract. (Jack/Westerland,4-0).* The expectation was Treatment Tech would be the system operators effective May 1, 2009.

Feasibility Study. Jeff reported he had contacted McLaughlin Water Engineers regarding a feasibility study for the Bashore well usage. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the scope of a feasibility study regarding if it should be limited to the Bashore well, include all potential water options, or be a master plan for all District requirements. *The Board approved a motion to have an engineer from Clear Water Solutions present alternative viewpoints to the Board at the next meeting. (Whinston/Rehn,4-0).*

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM