

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, October 6, 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
Benson Smith	Treatment Technology
Tom Vandeventer	106 Spring Beauty Drive

President Jon Whinston called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM

Minutes. *The minutes from the September 1, 2009 were approved as written. (/Westerland/Rehn,3-0).*

Water Tank Update. Jeff Leigh reported the water tank had been drained in September and more corrosion was observed than in the 2008 inspection. The repairs necessary could not be accomplished at this time and the tank is currently being refilled. Engineer Jim McLaughlin was handling the correspondence with Norvell Construction regarding warranty correction of the tank work done in 2007. Issues being raised include the welding work, materials used and workmanship. Norvell was initially disputing if the repair cost was covered by the warranty. The cost indicated to correct the tank was from \$12,000 to \$17,000.

Water Operator Contract. The contract for water operations with Treatment Technology had been reviewed and approved by Attorney Tim Flynn. The contract was signed at the meeting.

Billy Jack arrived at 5:15 PM.

Financial Summary and 2010 Budget. Bob Polich of Mountain Systems provided an updated financial summary for the 3rd quarter and a proposed 2010 budget. There was a review of the financial information. An increase in user fees was discussed to maintain a desired level of income to meet operating expenses and cost increases. Considered was a rate increase, property taxes and lump sum assessments. *A motion was approved to have a 5% rate increase in the base water and sewer cost for 2010. (Jack/Whinston,4-0).*

Engineering Studies. A proposal from Jim McLaughlin for a feasibility study of the Bashore water source had not been received. At the June meeting Jim had provided a cost projection of \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the study. Discussed were expansion of the study to incorporate District fees, operation cost, future needs and water treatment requirements. The Board

indicated they would like information regarding the scope of work requested from McLaughlin Engineering. It was suggested funding of engineering studies could be \$10,000 in 2009, \$20,000 in 2010 and \$10,000 in 2011.

Water Rights. The legal process with Denver Water to move the Middle Park Water rights point of diversion to Lake Dillon was not progressing primarily from a lack of response from Denver. Moving the point of diversion would be required for the use of the Bashore water source. The existing point of diversion of the current wells would remain. Previously the cost of developing the legal rights for the Bashore well were estimated at \$20,000 to \$40,000 depending on the objections raised by other water rights holders. The indications from the Joint Sewer Authority (JSA) were the brine water disposal from a reverse osmosis (RO) system at the Bashore well would not be a problem. Currently there was treatment disposal from the Town of Dillon and Dillon Valley. The issue will be on a future JSA agenda to formalize the disposal in writing.

I&I Update. The repair of defective sewer service lines had been completed in one home and was pending for the other. The service line work would complete the 2009 repairs of the private and public sewer lines and manholes that were felt to be the major factor in the sewer Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) problem. There was a discussion of the successful repair method utilized for the manholes. Jeff Leigh was working with RNR to obtain a credit for the \$1,500 to \$1,700 cost of chemical grouting of a manhole that did not work. There would be no manholes raised this year. There was a discussion that the cost of raising manholes would be lower if done internally rather than contracting the work out.

Bashore Well Capping. The test well was enclosed with 12” of Styrofoam and wrapped to provide a temporary protection from freezing this winter until a decision was made on the future use of the water source.

Cortina Ridge agreement. A fee agreement for the District sewer line used by Cortina Ridge was pending with the attorney for the District and Buffalo Mountain Metro District (BMMD). The Cortina Ridge Association had sent a letter to BMMD regarding setting a meeting concerning the fire hydrant illegally connected to the District water system.

Next Meeting. The next meeting was schedule for Tuesday November 3, 2009 at 5 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM