

**Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 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
Tim Flynn	District Attorney, Collins, Cockrell & Cole
Tom Vandeventer	106 Spring Beauty Drive

President Jon Whinston called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM

**Minutes.** *The minutes from the October 6, 2009 were approved as written. (/Rehn/Jack,3-0).*

**Water line breaks.** Jeff Leigh updated the Board on the water line break near 381 Lakeview Circle. Jeff observed the water line did not have any deterioration and the break was from a pressure point from a rock caused by poor bedding. A portion of the owners driveway was cut for the repair. The asphalt replacement would be next year with an estimated cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500 from A-Peak Asphalt. There was a discussion of potential alternatives to reduce the asphalt cost.

Barry Westerland arrive at 5:12 PM.

Jeff indicated he had mapped the water line breaks in the District that have occurred since 2003. The 15 breaks were distributed throughout the District. The breaks tend to occur in the spring and fall.

**2010 budget.** The public hearing for the 2010 budget was opened. There were no comments from the public attending. The public hearing was closed.

There was a discussion of the budget and the 2010 rates. The base water and sewer rates were increased 5%. Also, increased by approximately 5% were tap fees. Following discussion, the board indicated the no credit water and sewer taps should be increased by the same percentage. The budget projected income to exceed operating expenses by \$40,000 that would be applied to the capital fund. Water repairs were budgeted lower than 2009 with the anticipation there would be fewer than the three water line breaks in 2010. The planned reduced sewer video work in 2010 resulted in a lower sewer repair budget than the expenditures in 2009. *Resolution 09-12-1 was adopted approving the 2010 budget. (Rehn/Jack,4-0). A motion to appropriate revenues and reserves of the District by Resolution 09-12-2 was approved. (Rehn/Jack,4-0). Resolution 09-12-3 establishing a zero mill levy certification was approved. (Rehn/Jack,4-0).*

**Bashore well feasibility study.** McLaughlin Engineering had provided an engagement letter regarding the Bashore well for treatment, process design, waste disposal, future expansion, integration with the existing system, transmission lines, and an update of the 2003 sewer feasibility study. Included would be an economic analysis to determine if the project was financially viable. The Joint Sewer Authority (JSA) is reviewing the issue to determine the potential cost of disposal depending on timing of release. *A motion was approved to contract with McLaughlin Engineering for a feasibility study per the proposal letter dated October 26, 2009 subject to an addendum by legal counsel with a cost not to exceed \$10,000 without authorization of the District. (Rehn/Jack,4-0).* The Board desired a progress report with the estimated percentage of project completion with each billing invoice. Adding disinfection (chlorination) to the District water supply should be part of the feasibility study and the scope of the report should incorporate a total view of the District system including existing wells.

**Chlorination Waiver.** The State of Colorado is reviewing all chlorination waivers and it is anticipated the waiver will eventually be removed at some time in the future. There was a discussion of adding a structure above the existing water operations vault for the required equipment. It was not known if the current easement for the vault would allow a structure or if obtaining the approval of the land owner would be required. How the Bashore water was included within the system may determine the point of chlorination. The size of the structure as part of the water system design was a concern.

**Board of Directors Term Limits.** The Board positions held by Jon Whinston, Randy Rehn, and Billy Jack are up for election in May 2010 and they are all term limited by Statute. There is a concern if any residents of the District were interested in serving on the Board. Attorney Tim Flynn indicated a special election could be held in February 2, 2010 to remove term limits prior to the May 2010 election. Options for the election included use of a polling place or by mail. For the District, the polling place election would have a lesser cost than an election conducted by mail. *A motion was approved to hold a polling place election on February 2, 2010 to remove term limits in the District. (Rehn/Jack,4-0).*

**Operation.** Jeff indicated he had found as built maps of the water system and of surrounding systems in the records returned from Water Solutions. Jeff had the maps laminated and they were placed in the vault for easy access. Also added to the vault were tools for emergencies.

**Joint Sewer Authority.** No decision has been made by the JSA on the I&I fines for capital use. The matter was expected to be considered by the Dillon and Silverthorne Town Council in early 2010. A paper expansion of the JSA system was planned for 2012 and at that time there would be the potential to purchase the 15 sewer taps needed in the future.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday January 6, 2010 at 5 PM. A new meeting location will need to be found as the Silverthorne Library meeting room was booked on Tuesday afternoons for all of 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM