

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, November 7th, 4:30PM Summit County Library North Branch 651 Center Cir, Silverthorne, CO 80498

Attendance Board: Stan Wagon, Jon Whinston, Randy Rehn, Matt Hickam, Greg O'Neill

Staff: Kelsey Andersen, Assistant Manager; Austin Terry, Bookkeeper

Guest: Tim Flynn-Ireland Stapleton

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM

Minutes: *October Minutes: There was a minor change to the minutes and a motion to accept the minutes and approved.*

Financials:

New Business

Rate Increase:

- Amend a line in rate that says water fee per single family EQR, should read water tap fee.
- Motion to increase 5% for per quarter amounts, additional water usage fees, tap fees and standby fees, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously
- Proposal is 5% increase in water usage rates and 5.5% increase for tiers 3 and 4, raising base allotment from 6000 gallons to 6600 gallons.

Budget Resolutions:

- The board discussed the possibility of needing to amend the budget for 2024 due to potential overspending. The decision was made to keep the December meeting on the calendar in case a budget amendment is needed.
- Motion to adopt resolution 2024-11-1, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously
- Motion to adopt resolution 2024-11-2, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously
- Motion to adopt resolution 2024-11-3, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously

ADU:

- Recommendation removing from bylaws.

STR and EQRs:

- The Board and Tim Flynn discussed the issue of homeowners underpaying for their water and sewer services due to incorrect EQR ratings.
- Tim Flynn advised that the district could go back as far as 6 years to charge homeowners for the additional capacity they have been using, but warned that going further back could be difficult to defend in court.

JSA Update:

- More discussion on redefining EQR, potential more EQR, hopefully another 3-5%, would decrease number connected. Did get check back from JSA as a partner, capacity was taken by Dillon valley
- May do a EQR study, wouldn't be door to door, would be county record vs what we have.
- The Board will draft content for letter to property owners at next meeting regarding EQR verification. Individualized letters to all property owners stating their current bed and bath count on record will be sent.

Maintenance Update

Water Main Breaks

- The Board to continue efforts on addressing I&I issues responsibly within budget constraints.
- The Board to monitor patched areas over winter and ensure road base is maintained.
- The Board to schedule proper repair of patched areas in spring.
- The Board to consider long-term projects for Thimbleberry, Larkspur, and Spring Beauty water lines.
- The Board to add 3rd valve installation on Thimbleberry to maintenance list.

Manholes and Plowing:

- The Board to consider addressing manhole issues on Royal Buffalo road.
- Kelsey to meet with Jim Binkelman from the county regarding future pavement removal plans.

- Board to add manhole recess specification to guidelines for future repaving.
- Jeff to inspect manholes on Royal Buffalo to confirm lid security.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at 4:30 PM at the north branch of the Summit County Library.

Adjourned at 7:25 PM