

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 18th, 4:30PM

Summit County Library North Branch

651 Center Cir, Silverthorne, CO 80498

Attendance Board: Stan Wagon, Randy Rehn, Jon Whinston
Staff: Kelsey Anderson **Assistant Manager** Austin Terry, **Bookkeeper**
Guest: Greg Morgano

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM

Minutes: Minutes from October passed.

Financials:

New Business

Budget

Resolution 2025-11-1 – Adoption of the 2025 Budget

Motion: Approve Resolution 2025-11-1 adopting the budget for the year beginning January 1, 2026.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Resolution 2025-11-2 – Appropriation of Funds

Motion: Approve Resolution 2025-11-2 appropriating \$654,418.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Resolution 2025-11-3 – Zero Mill Levy

Confirms **no mill levy** for the year.

Motion: Approve Resolution 2025-11-3.

Vote: Approved unanimously

New Utility Connections

- Two new service connections were completed:
 - A modular home near Elk Thistle
 - A second home on Lakeview
- Both connections were completed successfully and marked the first new connections in approximately two years.
- Modular homes were confirmed as permissible under existing rules, with additional deposits required.

FireWise / Exterior Fire Suppression Systems

- The Board discussed increasing interest in **exterior wildfire suppression systems**.
- Any exterior fire suppression system connected to the District **must include appropriate backflow protection**.
- The District should **review and approve any such system** prior to installation.

Vault & Pump Repairs

- Vault piping was re-plumbed and upsized.
- One booster pump failed; replacement pump is installed and awaiting electrical hookup.
- Estimated pump age: ~20 years.
- Replacement cost noted at approximately \$4,000.

Tank Inspection Report

- Inspection showed:
 - Floor thickness within acceptable range
 - No structural concerns
 - Tank considered to be in good overall condition
- Ongoing sealant work on the tank roof noted.

Water Levels & Wildfire Readiness

- Normal tank operating range: **26–28 feet**
- Maximum possible level: ~30.5 feet
- Discussion included temporarily increasing tank levels during wildfire season, balanced against water turnover concerns.

Graffiti Incident

- Graffiti was reported on District infrastructure.
- Photos were taken.
- Decision made **not to file an insurance claim** due to minimal impact.
- Repainting will occur when feasible.

Meter Issues

- Several meters identified as:
 - Not reading
 - Reading backwards
- Historically handled by billing customers based on usage averages.
- Plan to address meters when staff availability allows.

Financing & Long-Term Capital Planning

- The board discussed options for long-term capital and financing in the future.

Board Compensation Discussion

- The Board clarified that Colorado law allows:
 - **Up to \$100 per meeting**
 - **Maximum of \$2,400 per year**

Staffing & Coverage

- Backup staffing arrangements discussed involving:
 - Greg
 - Kelsey
 - Jeff
 - ORC as emergency fallback
- Consensus that coverage is adequate but should remain monitored.

Old Business

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th, 2025, at 4:30 PM at Silverthorne Library.

Adjourned at 5:32 PM