

# 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**