

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 6th, 4:30PM
The Pad
491 Rainbow Drive, Silverthorne, CO 80498

Attendance Board: Stan Wagon, Jon Whinston, Greg O'Neill, Randy Rehn
Staff: Jeff Leigh, Manager; Kelsey Andersen, Assistant Manager; Michael Kurth, Bookkeeper; Austin Terry, Bookkeeper
Guests:

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM

Minutes: *A motion was made by Kelsey Andersen to approve the minutes of the January 9th, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Stan Wagon. Motion approved.*

Financials: Financial reports through the end of December, 2023, were emailed to the Board. Year to date income is at \$459,062 and is \$15,734 above budget. Year to date operating expense is \$355,974 and is \$6,004 over budget. Operating year to date net income is \$118,821 and is \$9,729 above budget. Interest Income was \$26,120 for the year.

Business: **Insurance Claim Discussion:** The board discussed an insurance claim from Bruce Allen, which had escalated from \$5,000 to \$12,000. It was recommended by their insurance agent, Kevin Small, to pay the no-fault maximum of \$10,000. However, there were confusions and delays regarding the payment, with concerns about the district's liability and insurance coverage limitations. The board considered pursuing a settlement or allowing the insurance company to handle the claim. It was agreed to tell the insurance agent to follow district policy.

Financial Summary: The board voted to give Kelsey a 4.5% cost of living increase. Raising the rate from 44.00 to 46.00 an hour. This will take effect for Q1.

Property Tax Concerns: Discussions around property taxes arose, especially with significant increases in valuations and rates for both developed and vacant lands. Members shared personal experiences of drastic hikes in property tax assessments and discussed potential discrepancies and appeals.

Maintenance and Systematic Approaches: The board discussed the necessity of a systematic approach for inspecting and maintaining sewer lines and lift stations, particularly concerning I&I (Inflow and Infiltration). They considered engaging with companies like WBS for specific

maintenance works and explored options like painting manholes for easier identification and repair. There were concerns about the condition of manholes, especially those affected by sulfuric acid decomposition from lift stations.

Preventative Maintenance and Planning: The discussion emphasized the need for a more planned and systematic approach to maintenance, particularly focusing on manholes and sewer lines. The board pondered breaking down the system into areas and addressing them year by year, rather than attempting to cover all at once. There was also talk about budgeting for safety equipment and the importance of having a concrete plan of action.

HOA and Water Limitation Regulations: A discussion on how the homeowners' association decisions, like allowing Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs), would impact the water district's regulations and limits. There were questions about the district's capacity and the need to follow state statutes regarding water limitations.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th at 4:30 PM at the north branch of the Summit County Library.

Adjourned at 6:23 PM