

Mesa Cortina Water & Sanitation District

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 8th, 4:30PM

Summit County Library North Branch

651 Center Cir, Silverthorne, CO 80498

Attendance Board: Stan Wagon, Greg O'Neill, Jon Whinston

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

Guests: Resident John Danese, Gabby Begeman (ORC Water)

Meeting was called to order at 4:43 PM

Minutes: *June Minutes: A motion was made to accept the June minutes and seconded. The motion was approved.*

Financials: Due to the Holiday weekend the financials were not available yet. Stan Miller had not provided a final bill for the line replacement at that point. The Board discussed the Loan outstanding, which has a fixed interest rate for 5 years.

Business: Lakeview Water Line Replacement:

- John expressed gratitude for the work done by Stan Miller's team, highlighting their professionalism and the good condition of the road post-repair.
- A minor issue occurred shortly after the completion when a vehicle damaged the road, but it was quickly resolved by the construction team.

ORC Water Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Gabby Begeman from ORC Water met with the board via Zoom
- A discussion with Julie (compliance officer) and Gabby (system familiar) from the ORC covered their current scope and potential additional tasks.
- The ORC's current tasks include responding to alarms, fire hydrant maintenance, and other routine checks.
- Julie and Gabby confirmed that some tasks, such as responding to fire hydrants, are within their existing contract but may incur additional charges.
- Concerns were raised about the ORC's ability to manage certain repairs, such as fire hydrants, which might require specialized knowledge and possibly external contractors.

- Gabby mentioned recent staffing challenges at the ORC, which could impact their ability to take on more tasks immediately.
- The board discussed the challenge of managing water system breaks, especially in winter when valves and lines are buried under snow.
- Gabby acknowledged the difficulties and the necessity of having maps and institutional knowledge to manage these issues effectively.
- It was noted that the ORC typically does not handle immediate break responses due to their distance and current staffing levels.
- There was a significant concern about the ORC's ability to respond to emergencies, particularly due to high staff turnover and distance from the site.
- The board recognized the need for a more reliable and knowledgeable local presence to handle emergencies. The discussion included clarifications on whether the ORC is responsible for the collection system.
- Through discussions it was revealed that the ORC is likely the operator in charge for collections, but this was not explicitly covered in their main contract, suggesting an oversight.
- The board contemplated the long-term need for a local operator who could provide more consistent and knowledgeable support.
- Discussions included potential collaborations with nearby districts, like Buffalo Mountain, and the idea of hiring a dedicated local operator.
- ORC confirmed that they could manage lift station maintenance but would need a clear contractual addendum to cover these tasks.
- The board discussed the importance of regular maintenance and the potential complications if both pumps in the lift station fail.

Tank Update:

- Randy has not received a revised quote on adding a roof to the tank
- WBS have been unresponsive to Randy's requests for an update.

Website Update:

- Stan asked Jeaniene to remove Mesa Cortina Water information from the old site.
- Next steps are to start training with Trish on how to update the website. Summit Bookkeeping will need to setup an account from Tyler or Trish to get an account to be able to update the website.
- We will need to get Trish all the word files for the website.

Buffalo Mountain:

- Kelsey, Greg and Jeff met with Buffalo Mountain regarding the vaults.
- They proposed another meeting in July or August to discuss how the system works between the districts.
- Its in everybody's best interest to figure out detail on where reasonability ends between the districts
- There have been some differences in meter readings between the districts that's unexpected.

Maintenance Items:

- Fire Hydrant on Lakeview, needs to be fixed and the board is exploring contractors on who can fix or replace
- The Master Document was updated to show the Lakeview Waterline having been completed

Other Items

- Tim Flynn is changing firms and the board discussed whether to keep working with him or continue at the old firm.
- The Board decided to continue working with Tim but had not received an agreement from him yet.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 4:30 PM at the north branch of the Summit County Library.

Adjourned at 6:33 PM