

ROARING FORK WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2024

Call to Order

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Ian Exelbert, President
Brendan Matthias, Vice President
Paul Goldstein, Secretary
Carter Barger, Board Member

Staff Present

Tonya Uren, District Administrator
Scott Grosscup, District Attorney
Brandyn Bair, District Engineer

M/S/C Brendan moved to excuse Tom Sherman, Paul second, all in favor.

Administrator's Report

July Minutes

M/S/C Paul moved to approve the July 16, 2024, minutes. Carter second, all in favor.

Accounts Payable

M/S/C Brendan moved to approve the August Accounts Payable, Paul second, all in favor.

2025 Budget Review

Tonya presented the following budget assumptions being used to prepare a draft budget:

- Water and Sewer Service Fee revenue will increase due to development within the District.
- Tonya expects Operating Expenses to increase due to increased development and aging infrastructure.
- Property Tax Revenue: Mill Levy 7.4. Revenue is relatively stable, but in question with a Colorado Legislative session called to negotiate tax relief for property owners. 2024 property tax revenue is \$690,000.
- Completion of the Ironbridge Lift Station replacement is the key capital project for 2025.

Tonya will monitor property tax discussions as the revenue impacts water and sewer reserves for capital projects. Customer service fees were last raised January 2016. The Board consensus is to review the District's water and sewer service fees along with the upper tiers of water use

for those customers who use the most water. Tonya will present options to the Board at the September meeting and include a rate increase.

M/S/C Brendan moved to appoint Tonya as the Budget Officer and prepare the 2025 budget, Paul second, all in favor.

The board appointed Ian to work with Tonya on the budget. Tonya will report on progress at the September meeting. A draft budget will be presented to the Board by October 15th and ratification scheduled for the November board meeting.

Operator's Report

Holy Cross Power Issues

The Aspen Glen wellhouse pumps for wells #2 and #3 are having issues with power supply periodically shutting down the wells. The first incident was Saturday July 27th and Tonya issued water use restrictions via email asking customers to cease irrigation use and curtail domestic use while the District worked to resolve the issue. The problems have continued sporadically over varying lengths of time. Tonya contacted Holy Cross Energy and requested an assessment. Their technician concluded Holy Cross outages coincided with the District's problems at the Aspen Glen wellhouse. Staff will continue to work with Holy Cross for resolution options to maintain balanced power at the wellhouse.

Riverview School

Riverview School had problems with its air conditioning units flowing water through them and draining into a mechanical room wash basin that then flowed to the wastewater lines. The Ironbridge water tank was drawing down and Eastbank lift station was pumping flows continuously. This same problem has come up seasonally in the past and last summer Tonya advised school management of the severity of the issue asking they divert the condensate away from the wash basin. Eric Willis, RE1 Facilities Director, informed Tonya they have now repaired the faulty valve in the air conditioning unit and completed a capital project to divert condensate to the roof drains.

Neptune Meters

Core and Main no longer sells the Neptune meters specified by the District. Tonya reached out to Neptune to find out if it has a new distributor on the Western Slope for customers and contractors to purchase meters. Neptune expects to have another in place by the end of August. In the meantime, the District purchased a supply of meters to have on hand until the meters are available again for retail purchase.

River Bend Way Sewer Line

Alan TV inspected the sewer line on River Bend Way in Ironbridge. This section of line is where the sewer line plugged and backed up to a customer home in October 2022. At that time, the Ironbridge storm sewer line leaked which caused a depression in the District's sewer line allowing for build-up and the eventual plug. Because of this, the District committed to frequent monitoring of this sewer line section. The line remains clear even though Ironbridge has identified areas of settling along that street.

Engineer’s Report

Ironbridge Lift Station Replacement

Brandyn displayed SGM’s weekly site reports outlining progress of the project. The site is excavated with dewatering pumps and shoring. The forms and rebar are in place and a portion of the concrete basin walls are poured. The project is on schedule and running smoothly. Some fill dirt is at the lift station site, and some was transported to the wastewater plant property for later use as backfill. The project is still on track for completion next February or March.

Attorney’s Report

Harvest Roaring Fork

No further updates from Scott regarding the project. Brandyn met with Sopris Engineering as the developers move forward with inquiries regarding infrastructure requirements and information for the river crossing.

Next Meeting

3 p.m., September 17, 2024

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Read and approved this 17th day of September 2024.

Signed: _____

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Attest: _____