

**ROARING FORK WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 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
Tom Sherman, Board Member
Carter Barger, Board Member

Staff Present

Tonya Uren, District Administrator
Brandyn Bair, District Engineer
Scott Grosscup, District Attorney
Alan Leslie, Operator

Administrator's Report

March Minutes

M/S/C Tom moved to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes. Brendan second, all in favor.

Accounts Payable

M/S/C Brendan moved to approve the April accounts payable as presented, Carter second, all in favor.

Audit Approval Schedule

The 2023 Draft Audit is being prepared by Paul D. Miller of Blair and Associates, P.C. Paul completed his physical review of the records last week and forwarded his work to Tonya for review and addition of managerial comment. Scott will review the report before it is presented to the Board at the May meeting. The audit is due by July 31, 2024.

Engineer's Report

Ironbridge Lift Station Project

Phoenix Industries submitted the low bid for the project to rebuild the Ironbridge lift station on River Bank Lane at \$1,938,094. Gould Construction's bid was \$2,364,470, Velocity Constructors \$2,454,563 and Heyl construction at \$2,918,290. Staff reviewed the bids and Brandyn spoke with references for Phoenix Industries. Phoenix Industries included an electrical sub-contractor in its bid that the District hasn't worked with before. The District may prefer to work with an electrical contractor that is familiar with the system and will review that portion of the bid with

Phoenix. The board discussed the award of the bid, bonds, insurance, and how progress payment applications are submitted and paid. The 2024 Budget lists the project at \$1.4 million, but additional reserves are available to complete the work. Staff will have an introductory meeting with Phoenix to review the project for value engineering, completion and expectations. **M/S/C** Ian made a motion to award the project to Phoenix Industries. Paul second, all in favor.

PFAS Rule

The EPA released the PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation on April 8th. Through the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA is establishing nationwide, legally enforceable drinking water limits for several PFAS chemicals. Drinking water providers will need to determine whether PFAS is in their drinking water and take actions such as notifying customers and reducing levels of PFAS as needed. PFAS in drinking water are reduced with filtration and binding agents. The EPA set the Maximum Contaminant Level at 4.0 parts per trillion (ng/L). CDPHE will review the EPA standards and affirm monitoring schedules. The federal guidelines give public water systems three years, by 2027, to complete their initial monitoring. Once data is collected, there may be modifications to limits and frequency in testing. Surface water sources are more susceptible to contamination as well as areas with prior industrial activity. The District's wells are ground water on historic ranch lands.

Operator's Report

WWTP IR/Internal Recycle Pump

The District installed a new IR Pump during plant expansion. This pump failed and the manufacturer replaced the pump under a partial warranty. While the pump was pulled for review, a redundant pump was used. Because of the issues with the pump, the District had the manufacturer's representative here when the new pump was installed. In this process, they discovered a similar issue developing with the pump they were removing. Oil is leaking and seizing the pump. The manufacturer confirmed that the pump was installed correctly and the District followed the recommended maintenance schedule. Alan asked for an investigation of this pump and its application. The expected life expectancy of this pump is 10-15 years. The District has used this brand of pump before without issue.

Water Loss

Monthly meter readings show consistent water loss over the last three months at approximately 30%. Customers are not irrigating yet, so the total actual gallons lost is lower than during high use in the summer. The District has the ability to isolate sections of the District to narrow down the location. In the past, the loss has most often been targeted at a service line connection, not an issue with the main water line.

Attorney's Report

Harvest Roaring Fork

Scott, Tonya and Brandyn met with the new owners of the former Sander's Ranch to talk about water and sewer service to the property. Realty Capital purchased the land and is working on its development plan. The expired PUD included 1,200 EQR's for the development. Realty Capital is seeking community input for the proposed development, but during that process wants to

start planning and permitting for infrastructure so once they have approvals, the permits are in place. The District holds a \$25,000 deposit from the prior developer for legal and engineering cost reimbursement. Scott presented an updated Cost Reimbursement Agreement for the Board's signature for work with the new developer. The District will also require a new Pre-Inclusion Agreement with Reality Capital as their work progresses. This property is in the District's service area. **M/S/C** Tom authorized Ian to sign the Cost Reimbursement Agreement. Brendan second, all in favor.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 3pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Read and approved this 21st day of May 2024.

Signed: _____

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Attest: _____