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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Board of Directors of the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District met on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the offices of Sharp, Steinke and Sherman, LLC located in Steamboat Springs at 401 Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat Springs, Colorado for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: Donald Alperti, President
Ken Burgess, Treasurer
Tony Borean, Director
Ken DePaul, Director – via telephone
Jack Fahres, Director

Also: Steve Colby, District Manager
Suzie Hawkins, Recording Secretary
Melinda Sherman, Council
Andrew & Emily Schmidt
Other Members of the Public (Attached Sheet)

Donald Alperti called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: by Tony Borean to approve the February 19, 2009 minutes as presented. Ken Burgess 2nd. All in favor.

Financial Report

Motion: by Ken DePaul to approve checks #11,161 - #11,197 and the February statement as presented. Ken Burgess 2nd. All in favor.

Manager's Report

-The manager informed the Board that Greg Hamilton will not be the principal for the audit this year. Mathew Scroggins of Colorado CPA services will be. Ann Taylor of the Craig office who did the bulk of the work on last years audit will again be the CPA preparing the audit this year. The proposal contains a not to exceed \$6600 clause which is the approximate cost of last years audit. The Board authorized Colorado CPA services to prepare the 2008 audit.

-The manager is concerned about grit and sludge accumulating on the bottom of the aeration basin at the WWTP. A proposal had been obtained from Clearwater Cleanup of Breckenridge to attempt to remove the material and approximately 30 yards of sludge from the storage tank for \$11,525.

Motion: by Ken DePaul to have Clear Water Clean-up out of Breckenridge contracted to remove the sludge from the bottom of the tank. Ken Burgess 2nd. All in favor.

-The manager reported that he had obtained quotes from local dealers for ½ & ¾ ton trucks. The quotes ranged in price from \$22,000 to \$28,000.

Motion: by Ken Burgess to authorize the manager to purchase a truck for up to \$28,000. Jack Fahres 2nd. All in favor.

-The manager reported that he had received the results of the water system compliance check by the CDPHE. There were no major deficiencies noted but there was one minor deficiency. All RPZ type backflow prevention devices on irrigation taps must be tested yearly by a certified backflow prevention device technician. This will be the responsibility of the owner of each irrigation tap.

Attorney's Report

-Nothing to report.

President's Report

-Donald Alperti reported on the previous Tuesday's meeting with the Routt County Board of Commissioners which he, Ken Burgess and Steve Colby attended.

New Business

-Due to conflict and to hear the presentation on the draft water supply master plan it was suggested that the April meeting be moved to April 9th.

Motion: by Ken Burgess to pass a resolution to change the April meeting from April 16th to April 9th 2009. Tony Borean 2nd. All in favor.

Old Business

-HRS will have the draft water supply master plan available for distribution to the Board next week.

Motion: by Donald Alperti to table the master plan presentation until the April 9th meeting. Jack Fahres 2nd. Pass.

-Mr. Sharp circulated the proposed second amendment to the vault agreement. Mr. Alperti would like to have Tom Sharp present during Board review of the document.

Public Comment

-Mr. Alperti commented there will be no action taken today in regard to the public comment.

Schmidt, Emily & Andrew #49 Meadowgreen: Review of the concerns presented to the board last month.

Crystal Staepel Meadowgreen: There will be no new development with the current tap fees. Suggested the board give 70 lots holdover of \$8,000; then create a base rate of \$12,000 + a per toilet fee and increase the rates of water and sewer as well as the fees for dumping of vault trucks.

Ren Martyn Developer of Mountain Valley Communities: The consultant's reports have been reviewed by Mr. Martyn. Mr. Martyn found the population estimates flawed. It is time for a review of the rate study. Mr. Burgess commented that he will be looking at revising the population estimates which will decrease causing costs to increase. The water resource component must be looked at on a 20-30 year basis instead of Mr. Martyn's suggestion of five years. Mr. Fahres commented the District is running out of a plant that is 36 years old; the life term of this type of plant is 40 years maximum. Mr. Martyn suggested there has been no consideration of the economic down turn with the existing owners getting a free ride. Mr. Martyn suggested good science with good decisions need to be made.

Lorraine Morrison Meadowgreen: Suggested the board look at water conservation. Toilets use 92% of water in a home. There should be a credit for conservation with grey water systems being required.

David Wren Morningside: What is the process? Melinda Sherman noted to change the tap fees a consultant may be contracted to review current rates and a rate hearing is published and conducted.

Steve Elkins Meadowgreen: The current situation is a band-aid. A bond is necessary to stimulate a vote with this rate increase. The bond issue should include a water plant, sewer plant and complete infrastructure.

Brian Areal Skyhitch: He would pay more in pump fees in order to keep the vaults in place. There are currently 1400 lots that are not on the district sewer.

Rob VanDeren Builder of Red Hawk Village: There is a necessity to keep the district alive and healthy as well as the property owners alive and healthy. The board should open a forum on the website allowing input before April 9th instead of complicated back and forth conversation.

Jackie Karolewski Parents own a lot: Suggested the board is not concerned with growth. Allow a group to look at grant options. Jackie will sit on a board for up to 8 hours a week in order to contribute to a task force.

Karen VanScoyk Meadowgreen: She would commit to a task force looking at science and grants.

Mr. Burgess commented that as General Manager of SPOA he is glad to meet with a group that will recognize every stake holder in Stagecoach.

Steve Morrison Meadowgreen: The increase directly affects the people with pipes in the ground and he wants to build so his question is in reference to vaults. He never received a letter relative to the rate increase.

Dave Maloney Meadowgreen. This is a big issue. He suggested incremental increases as an incentive. Only allow a tap fee when building. A positive incentive is necessary. If everyone in Stagecoach had a tap this would not guarantee building. The LID thing is probably not going to work. Steve Colby should talk with Steamboat Lake for solutions. A savings for conservation is in place. There should be a meeting on April 4th prior to the April 9th meeting with a history lesson complete with notice to all owners. If people are informed instead of uninformed it saves the board time. The district should do pumping as a funding source.

Stephanie Fairchild: To miss one meeting in December is not fair; it needs to be a fair burden to everybody.

Melissa Gibson Blackhorse I: The goal is to have \$10,000,000 in ten years, suggested a state loan. Why is the mill so high?

Schmidt, Emily & Andrew Meadowgreen: Is there something that could be done for people who are building in the next few months?

Motion: There being no further business Tony Borean moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 p.m. Ken Burgess 2nd. All in favor.