

Winter Park Water & Sanitation District
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2021

Board Present: Jack Buchheister, Maureen Lantero, Jim MacKenzie, Brendan Irving, Jordan Dominguez
Staff Present: Kent Bosshard, Wendy Chameroy, Bill Wemmert, Katie Randall, Kent Whitmer
Guests Present: Doug Laraby

Oath of Office – Jordan Dominguez was in sworn as a member of the Winter Park Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes from the May 12, 2021 Board Meeting had been mailed to the Board for review. A motion was made by Maureen, seconded by Jordan, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Account Balances – Wendy mentioned that a Citywide Bank CD had matured, after discussion the funds were rolled into another CD for 12 months with 0.07% APY. Rates are still very low and dropping still.
- 2) Current Bills – Kent B. reviewed the June and July bills. He pointed out for June: Simon Pipeline Services for annual cleaning and videoing inspection, Power to the People installation of the transfer switch and Conroy Excavation for the Jim Creek project. He pointed out for July: Simon Pipeline Services, which he will elaborate more during his wastewater report and Conroy Excavation for the Jim Creek Project. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Maureen, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Service Fee Arrears – Nothing to discuss this month.
- 4) 2021 Budget Update – Kent B. pointed out that tap fees have far surpassed what the District had budgeted for 2021. Kent B. also pointed out that interest income is going to fall far short of what the District had budgeted.

Open Forum

- 1) Nothing to report.

Staff Reports

- 1) Water System – Kent B.
 - a) Kent B. said the annual leak detection has been completed on the distribution system. No issues found.
 - b) Kent B. stated that the transfer switch has been installed at the water plant, which will allow a backup generator to be acquired in the event of a power outage. The District will still need to rent a generator and work with Power of the People to test that it will work and develop an SOP for future use of the generator. The generator rental and testing will happen later this summer for about a week.
 - c) Kent B. said the tree removal at the water plant is almost complete. Kent B. mentioned that with the big wind events last year there are trees blown into the river directly above the diversion that could have adverse effects in the future. He would like to get these trees removed as well while the crews are in the area. The District did not budget for this work for

2021, but there are funds in the contingency to pay for the work. The additional tree removal should cost about \$10,000.00. The Board asked who was doing the work to which Kent B. said that it was Golden Eagle. Also noted that there will be some additional tree removal work that will be done in 2022.

- d) Kent B. mentioned a broken valve issue that occurred during our valve exercise program in Lakota Park that will need to have excavated. Fortunately, no customers lost service. Tentatively scheduled with Nick's Dirt Works and repair parts have already been ordered. Should happen by the end of the summer. The District had a similar issue last summer with a curb stop that was not quite tapped to the main.
 - e) Kent B. pointed out the railroad at their industrial plant had a treatment failure in early June. Purportedly it was due to operational negligence, allowing their filters to get plugged and they did not have any spare filters. May have exceeded some of their discharge permits. Staff checked several times and there wasn't any visible cloudiness or issues to the river. Luckily it was downstream from water plant intake. The Board asked who oversees these operations, Kent B. noted that there are operators at the plant from time to time and there is an engineering firm that oversees it. It has now been repaired, was down about a week and a half.
 - f) Kent B. said that staff is currently valve exercising and flushing hydrants.
 - g) Every five years the District has to clean the water storage tank and comprehensive inspection has been completed; they vacuum the tank floor and a video surveillance of inside the tank to determine what will need to be done next year. Kent B. will review the tank videos, but noted in the Mary Jane tank that there are some corrosion nodules that have come unhinged from the wall and it will be dealt with next year. The Board asked if the tank would need to be drained when repairing, Kent B. said you can but it is more of a hassle. The corrosion they can take care of with the use of an underwater epoxy with the tanks full and also should be able to repair the bracket so they do not have to take the tank down.
 - h) Kent B. noted that the Consumer Confidence Report was included in the packets.
- 2) Wastewater System – Kent B.
- a) Plant running well.
 - b) Kent B. stated that the lagoon pier has been repaired. Had a welder come in and shore up a couple of the welds on the brackets that had broken and should hold up in the meantime.
 - c) Staff has been doing the aeration basin cleaning.
 - d) Kent B. said that the annual cleaning and videoing of collection system has been complete. During the cleaning Simon Pipeline Services came across some manholes with some infiltration. The manhole repairs have also been completed.
- 3) Administration – Wendy
- a) Wendy stated she had nothing to report.
- 4) Attorney Report – Besides the items covered in Kent W.'s status letter:
- The Board asked Kent W. if he would go into a little more detail in his report, being that it is Jordan's first meeting. Kent W. explained to Jordan what he and Katie do work on for the District and to reach out if he had any questions or needed further clarification on any of their work. Explaining that some of the items they are monitoring are not directly involved with the District but when these items come to fruition, they affect the District. Once such monitoring item is the ongoing progress of the Moffat Project.
- a) In short, that Denver Water wants to expand Gross Reservoir to allow for additional storage on the Eastern Slope. The project has met with lawsuits and permitting challenges in Boulder

County. Under the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement, the District (and several other West Slope Entities) will see benefits if the project moves forward, but it is a slow process.

- b) Another item for monitoring is the Windy Gap Firming Project, which will eventually result in more water for the entities needing water. Northern Water Conservancy District is building a reservoir called Chimney Hollow, trying to get approval for quite a long time. Their lawsuit from the environmental groups have been taken care of and can finally start construction. Under the Firming Project, water will be piped to the Eastern Slope through the Colorado-Big Thompson Project into additional storage in Chimney Hollow Reservoir. Again, West Slope entities will see certain benefits when the reservoir is completed.
 - c) Kent W. also explained that they take a hard look at the water applications going to water court in this specific area that may affect water rights that are owned by the District. When necessary to protect the District's water rights, Kent W. will file a statement of opposition to participate in the case and to ensure that the ultimate decree in that case does not injure the District.
 - d) Kent W. stated the biggest thing they are working on the for District is the global augmentation plan going through water court. Because this is so complex Katie has created a synopsis to refresh and bring everyone up to date. Katie explained the memo regarding the augmentation plan, including why the application is important for the District's long-term goals, the current progress of the case, and involvement of other entities as opposers. Kent W. and Katie have been working closely with Leonard Rice Engineering (LRE) to move the case forward. Katie provided a general status update about the augmentation plan and how long it is going to take. With any water court matter it usually takes longer than you would expect. From start to finish it will be about a 2-year process, if all goes according to plan. We are about 10 months into this process. The next status conference with the Water Referee and Opposers is scheduled for the end of September. Kent W. added that the big picture is that the District has several different types of water rights, and the augmentation plan seeks to provide more flexibility in the operation of these rights in the future. For budgeting purposes, the District should expect to spend approximately \$200,000.00 to finalize this decree
- 5) Engineers Report – Bill Wemmert / AECOM
 - a) Bill will comment below in projects.
 - 6) Other – nothing to discuss.

Service Considerations

- 1) Lakota Pointe – Kent B. stated that there has been no real contact from them. They are moving toward a preliminary plat. They have not addressed all of the questions from Kent B. and Bill.
- 2) New Assessments – Kent B. said there was one single family home assessed. The District has received \$420,420.00 in tap fees from Zeppelin Development for the Adolph's property and a building permit has been issued. The property was assessed as hotel room type units. Kent B. noted that utilities will be an issue in that small area. The construction company they are working with is based out of Denver.
- 3) Other Service Considerations – none to discuss.

District Projects

- 1) Jim Creek Pipeline – Bill stated pipeline and diversion are in a punch list mode. Bill handed out costs on the projects. Discussed the change orders. There is a 6% overage on diversion portion of project. Bill also discussed balances left to complete project and retainages being held. The

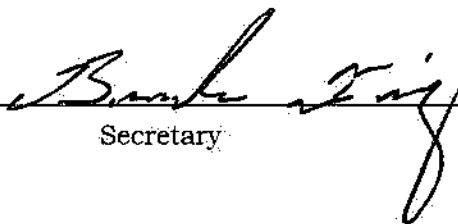
pipeline and diversion are operational now, there are small items to get complete. Kent B. stated that the punch list should be complete in less than 2 months.

- 2) Other Projects – none

General Items

- 1) Grand County Mutual Ditch & Reservoir Company (GCMDRC) – No updates, same continuing issues with the irrigated land company. The discussions will continue into 2022.
- 2) East Grand Water Quality Board (EGWQB) – Kent B. noted that the drought preparedness group has updates to the plan from a couple years ago. The County is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work on drought management and preparedness planning as a collaborative effort. Kent W. explained that MOU is an advisory document for drought plans and efforts, it creates coordination but does not create any mandatory obligations for the District.
- 3) Kent W. was asked to discuss the current drought and potential for a Colorado River Compact Call. Kent W. gave a general overview of what could cause a Compact Call and how it could affect the District.
- 4) The Board asked for clarification about whether the District can use the Jim Creek water, and if so, what restrictions would apply. Kent W. provided a general overview of same.

There was no further business before the Board, the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is August 11, 2021. Should that meeting be cancelled, Kent B. suggested that the September meeting be moved from September 8, 2021 to September 15, 2021. Meeting adjourned.



Secretary