

FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, August 17, 2021

Call to Order

President Cory Klumb called the regular meeting of the Four Corners Water and Sewer District (FCWSD) to order at 6:33 pm on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at the office of the Four Corners Water & Sewer District at 495 Quail Run Road, Bozeman, Montana.

Board Members present: President Cory Klumb, member Bob Thelen, member Brad Early, member Nancy Flikkema

Staff/Public present (including those via Zoom): Phil George from FCWSD; Amy Ellingson from FCWSD; Brad Hammerquist; Michelle Fitzgerald; Michelle Piazza; Tom Kallenbach; Ellie Lehrkind; Carl Lehrkind; and Libby Kueneke, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

June 15, 2021 Board Meeting

June minutes will be posted online for public comment and discussed for approval on September 21.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

No public comment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

WRF Odor Problem

Odor complaints are ongoing and new around the new WRF. Morrison-Maierle and FCWSD toured the site and detected odor at several sources, most concentrated at the IPS. Engineering is increasing agitation to address solid grease buildup. They placed a valve in its proper position, removed concrete form boards, added scent bags, and increased bark depth 3 feet to create air gap and increase bark contact to foster microbial growth. They will install a removable cover on the ISP in September. A tarp covers the ISP until then. They will duplicate the biofilter with a modified design and divide air output of the IPS through both. Alteration costs are estimated at \$20,000.

History of Fire Charges Lehrkind- Fire

The owners raised questions on the amount of water and the price of the water used for an out of district fire.

FCWSD will research and investigate with the water operator, operational manager, other districts and the Lehrkinds and reconvene to discuss further.

Ordinance 2021-11 1st Reading

Ordinance 2021-11: An Ordinance Accepting the Annexation Petition of Tara Olson for annexation into the Four Corners Water and Sewer District

The property is located in the Kennedy subdivision. The company will build 16 commercial units and no residential units. The petition is for 16 EDUs. Phil recommends approval.

Motion: Member Brad Early moved to pass the 1st reading of Ordinance 2021-11; member Nancy Flikkema seconded. No public comment. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2021-09 Tax Assessment

Resolution 2021-09: A resolution of the Four Corners Water and Sewer District special assessment.

The bond went down \$34 from last year and 127 properties have been added. This assessment will be sent to the treasurer to apply to property taxes.

Motion: Member Nancy Flikkema moved to approve Ordinance 2021-09; member Bob Thelen seconded. No public comment. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2021-10: Fire Protection

Resolution 2021-10: A Resolution of the Four Corners County Water and Sewer to increase cost for out of district fire coverage.

The price for out of district lot coverage for fire protection was set at \$2,800/lot covered in 2011. This resolution raises the price \$1,000 to be \$3,800/lot covered to adjust for inflation. In case of an installed system outside of the district, the installing party will be assessed \$150 per hydrant per year. GM will ask the fire marshalls if this system is recommended in their districts and report to the board.

ARPA Status and Capital Projects

Phil George provided the report.

- Elk Grove Water Distribution Upgrade will go to DEQ next week at \$1.1 million
- The Wastewater Elk Grove Life Extension should go to DEQ next week
- The SCADA System is at \$1.2 million
- The WRF SBR 3 & 4 should go to DEQ in early September
- The 4 capital projects received a middle tier score. The request goes to the legislative committee August 27th and then to the governor to sign in October.

Bond Discussion Update

Phil Geogre provided the report

- Speaking with those making the bond proposal. They assure results. No results reported.

Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report

Phil George provided the report.

- SBR 2 completion and commissioning set back a week; should be operational in September
- When SBR 2 is assured as operational, Elk Grove will be shut down to clean and restore
- Meter vaults for Commerce and North Lift Stations are installed. The final electrical installation will occur later this month.
- Northstar Well #1 electric power conditioning improvements complete; well soon back in service
- WRF odor improvements are underway
- All three tanks were inspected, cleaned, and repaired in July 2016 and again in October 2019. All three tanks were inspected and installed with passive anodes in August 2020.
- In Elk Grove water system, FCWSD has taped in a pressure sensor, replaced the VFD (control RM), installed 3 new VFDs at the pumps, replaced the power distribution system, replaced the blow off and completed preventative maintenance of filters, grease, cleaning and resupply.

Monthly Financial Report

Amy Ellingston offered the report.

- Contract for security with WolfGuard IT is in place and functioning
- ARPA submittal is under review and being tracked for updates
- All new Fleet Trucks have been received
- The audit has been started and should be completed in a few months
- The district and Elk Grove July bill included a pamphlet on drought and water conservation

- The district August bill and Elk Grove September bill will include a pamphlet on grease disposal
- Over budget in vehicle expenses due to new truck
- Over budget in professional services due to bill from the district engineer.
- Very over budget in water usage- in peak irrigation system months
- Under budget on water operation of systems and repair and maintenance
- Under budget on sewer, operating expenses and repairs and maintenance.
- In repairs and maintenance, FCWSD ordered parts for WRF projects.
- Started sewer obligations for 2023 for SBR 3 & 4

General Manager Topics

Phil George provided the report.

- RI basin 5 is complete; RI basins 5& 6 are up and operational
- Settlements are reached with SCS and Blackbull

Board Member Topics

No board member topics.

Public Comment:

A question was asked if any items FCWSD said Elk Grove would have to pay solely if Elk Grove didn't annex and would be covered by the district if they did annex are completed. This topic isn't an agenda item and won't be discussed today. A request was made for it to become an agenda item for the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, the Four Corners Water & Sewer District meeting of Tuesday, August 17, 2021 adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Libby Kueneke, Secretary