

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERGENCY MEETING

**Friday, April 4, 2025
2:00 P.M. – 3rd Street Gallery Building Conference Room
In-person or via zoom**

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Connie Thompson, Mark Dembosky. Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Steven Koch and Becky Montanari (Zoom) Elliott Jackson, Wet Mountain Tribune, Kathy Bell, public, and Rob Klein, public

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Wilhelm

New Business

1. Discussion and vote on Resolution 2025-8 - Denali contract amendment

In order to proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Pilot Project, RMWSD was required to de-sludge the existing treatment cells so that we would have enough area in the lagoon cells to do an accurate study. Last January 2024, Dave found three companies that specialized in sludge removal. Denali was chosen for the project. In April of 2024, Denali conducted initial sludge testing. Additional sludge testing was done throughout the year. In November 2024, RMWSD signed an official contract with Denali. Details of the agreement were an estimated volume of 1.2 million at .19.5/gallon if a local land application site could be found within a 10-mile radius. The cost of sludge and soil testing, pumping, loading and disposal of the accumulated solids came to \$238,000 for that initial contract. The alarm this information caused to the community was addressed by BOCC conducting a public meeting that included RMWSD and Denali. The BOCC checked to see if the County Landfill would be an option. Unfortunately, their current permit does not allow biosolids into the landfill. Lucas Epp contacted Dave the next day and asked if Dave could get a quote on what Denali would charge to truck the sludge out of the county. Denali replied with a new quote that increased the price from 19.5 cents/gallon to 27.3 cents/gallon. Dave called Joseph Kropf, landowner of the potential land app location and Mr. Kropf was considering changing his decision to allow land application due to threats he had received. This is an additional \$98,600 cost to the original contract. Dave contacted the BOCC and suggested we split the additional cost to haul sludge down the hill. Our proposal was that if RMWSD pay \$58,600 out of our contingency fund and acquire \$40K of outside contributions, we could stay on budget with \$3,400 remaining for continency. The BOCC met and approved the donation of \$40K to assist with the additional cost of trucking the sludge off the hill. Denali needed confirmation within a week. If approval came within that timeframe, their project schedule could be revised, and they could free up eight 6000 gallon tanker trucks to have available by the beginning of May. This would take a

total of 200 trips, divided by 8 trucks at about 210 miles round trip. The sites for disposal are already CDPHE approved sites. Randy asked when the new aerators would be installed. Dave said that once the sludge is removed, there will need to be RFPs sent out so that sometime this Summer, that work will begin. This will be about \$650K to build the rest of the plant, which includes the installation of fine bubble diffusers, skirting curtains in the ponds, the EC Unit will be connected, install a small building to house the air blowers and a small building for a green house. The air station will be built correctly with insulation so that noise will not be an issue for the neighbors. Once approved for treatment by CDPHE, all the buildings we will build can be used permanently. Building a serpentine route for the water will slow down the treatment process and give more treatment volume because the whole lagoon will be used more efficiently. The fine bubble defusers get oxygen into the pond and keep everything suspended.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025 – 8 Approving the Denali Contract Amendment was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Steve Lasswell. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Randy suggested that the board not be paid for this emergency meeting. The rest of the board agreed.

Adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

