

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

2:00 P.M. – 3RD STREET GALLERY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Charles Bogle, Chairman of the Board, Steve Lasswell, Vice-Chairman of the Board, Randy Wilhelm, Treasurer of the Board, Connie Thompson, Secretary of the Board, Mark Dembosky, Member at Large. Dave Schneider, District Manager, Peggy Quint, Assistant District Manager, Carlan Cardenas, Administrative Assistant (via zoom). Dannah Koeniger, P.E. and Mark Morton, P.E. of GMS Engineering, Colorado Springs.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Lasswell

Public input for those not on the agenda will be limited to 3 minutes. – No public in attendance.

Additions to the April 18, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Resolution approving amendment to Personnel Manual (5.9) addressing evaluations.
2. Resolution approving new evaluation forms.
3. Steve Lasswell and Connie Thompson – suggestions and recommendations regarding personnel.

New Business

1. Interview with GMS Engineering, Colorado Springs
Dannah Koeniger, P.E. and Mark Morton, P.E. – Dannah and Mark introduced themselves to the board and staff. GMS has been in business since 1978, focusing on rural Colorado water and wastewater aging infrastructure. Dannah is very passionate about the funding of the projects and wants the projects to be affordable, effective, and sustainable. Mark is the technical lead on all things wastewater. Mark oversees project management, technical design, and technical review. Wastewater projects are a team approach, including with the clients they serve. Mark will stick more toward the terminology, regulations, and communications with health department officials because he knows the steps and the process to go through with site applications, demonstration projects, process design reports and who to talk to in those departments to get issues resolved. GMS has an excellent relationship with David Kurtz, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Dave Kurtz is always open to having conversations with GMS. He is aware that districts like RMWSD are the guinea pigs of the process. Worst case scenario, project would be completed by July of 2029, due to waiting on approvals from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). There is \$90 million available for funding through Energy and Mineral Impact Fund Grant (EIAF) and Dannah is familiar with applying for and funding projects. As a Special District, RMWSD is eligible for a lot of funding, just like a business or a town. Mark and Dannah answered questions from the board members and the interview concluded. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-7 Approving GMS, Inc. as consulting engineers for the RMWSD Wastewater Demonstration

Project/Upgrade was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Steve Lasswell. Vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

2. Resolution 2024-4 Approving the termination of Nationwide Retirement Plan – Formal termination of the district’s plan with Nationwide Retirement is required by the insurance company. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mark Dembosky and a second was made by Connie Thompson. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.
3. Approval to pursue DOLA Grant funding – Resolution 2024-6 – DOLA requires a motion from the board to approve the pursuit of their grant funding. We have applied for a \$400K grant for the Pilot Plant. DOLA is expanding their normal rules and are allowing us to apply for this prior to CDPHE approval. They have allowed us to apply in April 2024 grant cycle. For DOLA to adjust their rules is significant. Randi Snead is taking this on personally and will work with Dave to put together a PowerPoint presentation to present before the DOLA board. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Mark Dembosky. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Old Business

1. Resolution 2024-5 – Letter of Intent with Environmental Policy Innovations Center (EPIC) – Dave presented the Letter of Intent for review. It is a non-profit organization that addresses funding for new technology for the public that needs it. They offer partial funding of the demonstration project engineering for \$50K-\$70K. We are approving to go into the funding navigator program. The next step is to see where we are financially, like RCAC did before, and it is all pro-bono. They will work directly with whichever engineering company the board chooses. The district’s attorney has looked this over and approved it. Motion to accept Resolution 2024-5 was made by Randy Wilhelm, seconded by Connie Thompson. Motion was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote. A wildcard for funding for \$300K through the Bureau of Land Management. Dave will continue to pursue that funding. They feel that anything cleans up waterways and watersheds, they are supportive.
2. Discussion of recommendation and consideration of suggestions regarding personnel. by Connie Thompson and Steve Lasswell - tabled until April 18, 2024

Adjourned at 3:34