

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY, April 17, 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, Mark Dembosky, Connie Thompson, Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Steven Koch. Guests: Lucas Epp, County Commissioner, Elliott Jackson, Wet Mountain Tribune

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Lasswell

There were no public comments

Additions to May 15, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Oath of Office – Randy Wilhelm and Connie Thompson
2. Resolution 2025-8 Amending CORA Policy
3. Resolution 2025-6 Personnel Policy Amendment

Administrative Report

1. **Business Office Manager Report – Peggy Quint – April report was included in the board packet**
 - Audit work has begun. No date set yet for 2024 Audit.
 - SDA Conference is in September. Please contact Peggy if you are interested. Steve Lasswell said he would like to attend.
 - Becky and Peggy will attend the Caselle Conference in October.
 - Peggy is going to be on vacation May 16th to the 27th.
 - Rate Study has commenced, and reports have been sent to Scott Thomas with CRWA for him to begin his work.
2. **Field Operations Manager Report – Steve Koch – April report was included in the packet.**
 - Langston is going to be paving 3rd Street. Some galvanized lines on 3rd Street were found that will require replacement prior to the paving project. The leak on Main Street will require some expertise with this repair. Langston Concrete will do the work. Steven said that backhoe work was done inside in the new shop and that was the first time ever!
3. **General Manager Report – Dave Schneider**
 - Well/Meter Dave is wrapping up the loan closing documents for this project. Loans will need re-amortization. By the end of May, this should be complete.

- **WWTP – Desludging is scheduled to start the last week of April to the first week of May. Dave met with the project manager. It should take two to three weeks with up to eight 6000-gallon takers transporting the 1.2 million gallons of sludge to a plant near Yoder, CO. They will be working six days a week to complete it in a timely manner.**
- **Board of County Commissioners, Town of Westcliffe and Bob Senderhauf**
 - **All have partnered with RMWSD financially to assist in the desludging of the lagoons.**
 - **Dave is encouraged by the cooperation with all involved. At the end of May the desludging should be completed. Bid documents should be completed by the end of May by our engineering firm. RFPs should go out in the first part of June, and by the middle of July a contractor will be awarded the contract. Hopefully the project will begin in the first part of August, and the Pilot Project will be in operation by October. The Pilot Study should run for a year to a year and a half. It will take awhile for us to dial in, so the study may go into next Fall. CDPHE probably won't want us to go beyond 18 months. There will be daily, weekly and monthly reporting to CDPHE. We will have an actual lab for the techs to work on in-house processing to see the different levels of treatment are working. Funds have been allocated for lab building by the lagoon area. The new shop is really coming together. Mark Dembosky asked if we had received the \$40K from BOCC. Westcliffe has agreed to donate \$10k to the "sludge fund". Bob Senderhauf has agreed to open bank accounts at the two banks for anyone to be able to donate to the project.**
 - **Mr. Epp updated at the end of the meeting that the \$40K check will be issued next week. They are working on a permit for the landfill that will allow RMWSD to dispose of the sludge in the future. Mr. Epp stated that this could take a year to be approved since they are planning on adding a shower facility at the landfill. Funding for this project will be needed. Mr. Epp did not have the exact amount, but the amount of recycling that had been done actually saved the landfill from being shut down**
- **Reservoir Project - Final draft is still at the state for approval. Upper Ark is experiencing some buyer's remorse and are looking for other various options for addressing the depletions with other possible storage sources. Dave met with the water attorney and engineer to discuss this. For the last couple of years, Division II has been searching throughout the valley for illegal retention ponds. Several have approached Upper Ark asking for some kind of augmentation plan. Some of them are high up in the valley. It is in our best interest for the long term to build the reservoir. RMWSD will pay for 2/3 of the project and Upper Ark will pay for 1/3, with Upper Ark getting 1/3 of the storage. Any decision that is made for another alternative for storage, our decree says that we will have to ask for another alternative point for our decree. We would prefer not to modify our decree. Dave talked to Upper Ark and they are looking for grant options for further granting. Dave asked to be included in the information that they receive. The approval should be received in May. Dave is convinced that we have the funds to get the project started. We will start another part of the project which is the discharge pipe to the stream. This will be a separate project so that Dave can apply for granting for that. He is confident that we can get a grant for that small of a project. Within a month or two of the approval, RFPs can be sent out and the project could possibly be started in the Fall. Winter weather will not delay the progression of the project.**
- **Randy Wilhelm asked Dave to inform the board of the availability of an extra tap that the Town of Westcliffe owns, but is not used. There is an extra one at Jess Price Park. If a tap**

is constructed, it is part of the parcel. But there is a sewer tap that is not constructed on that parcel. Town of Westcliffe could transfer that sewer tap to a new location.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of the Minutes of April 4, 2025, Emergency Board Meeting
3. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for March 2025
Motion: Randy Wilhelm Second: Steve Lasswell Vote: 5-0

Old Business

1. Update on Personnel Policy overtime pay discussions - Dave has gone over our policy with the district's attorney. Dave presented the new draft Resolution to the board members. He will make a few changes, send it to the board members and the board will approve in May.

New Business

1. Excuse Charles Bogle and Mark Dembosky from March 20th meeting
Motion: Steve Lasswell Second: Randy Wilhelm Vote: 3-0
2. Paul Burress – Leak on property - Mr. Burress did not attend the meeting. Peggy reminded the board that Mr. Burress had requested adjustments to a previous bill and leak. He was granted \$500 and signed a legal document stating that there was no more liability from RMWSD. When Mr. Burress calls, Peggy will inform him that the board did not approve an adjustment to his bill.
3. Flowpoint Environmental Systems Inc. Bulk Water Terminal Replacement Proposal - Dave and Peggy met with a representative of Flowpoint and were impressed with the product and the location of the company. The cost is basically the same as what Elemec charges but will offer cloud-based access. This will also communicate with Caselle at billing time and eliminate entering usage manually. There is also a mobile app available which could save staff time if a customer needs account assistance. The budget already reflects this expense for 2025. The board consensus was allowing Dave to move forward with Flowpoint and the installation of a new bulk water machine. Dave is hoping the scheduling will be in May and can coincide with the asphalt paving that needs to be completed.

Adjourn at 3:11 p.m.