

# **ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION**

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**THURSDAY, February 20, 2025  
2:00 P.M. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Gallery Building Conference Room  
In-person or via zoom**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. by Steve Lasswell**

#### **Roll Call**

**Present at the meeting: Charles Bogle via zoom, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Mark Dembosky and Connie Thompson were the board members present. Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, and Steven Koch were the RMWSD Staff present. Becky Montanari, new employee, present as guest and Elliott Jackson from the Wet Mountain Tribune was present as well.**

**Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Wilhelm**

**Presentation of Budget Amendment for 2024 Budget – Supplemental Budget and Appropriation.**

**Dave Schneider presented the 2024 Budget and explained the final income balance. Tax revenue was more than budgeted. Revenue on water enterprise was \$44k more than budgeted. Sewer Enterprise revenue was \$8600 more than budgeted, and the Connections Charges and System Development fees were less than budgeted. Twenty water and sewer taps were expected, but the district sold thirteen. Budget was 100% on Income. The administrative budget was 139% over budget due to salary increases and professional services during the year. Office expenses increased with salaries and were \$10K over budget. Mid-year salaries, workman's comp Repair and Maintenance – there was a \$60K auditing adjustment that was made due to additional well pump repairs. Transmission, Source and Supply were over budget by \$67K due to salary increases and engineering on reservoir project. Wastewater Enterprise – salaries, repair and maintenance infrastructure that needed repair, aerator and lift station pumps, etc. We budgeted \$1.143 million, and the actual was \$1.2 million. We were \$86.5K over budget on expenses. Revenue exceeded our expenses by \$637K. However, net is at \$701,929 over in income. Since there were no one from the public in attendance and no questions, the Public Hearing adjourned at 2:19 p.m.**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Call to order at 2:20 p.m.**

**Additions to the March 20, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Election Cancellation Resolution if no one requests to be on the board that is not up for election.**

**Administrative Report**

1. **Business Office Manager – Peggy Quint** CBS has told us our server is showing its age. During a support call with Caselle, their tech stated that the service is slow and would improve with an updated machine. Welcome Becky! The rest of Peggy’s report was included in the Board Packet.
2. **Field Operations Manager– Steven Koch** Steven’s report was included in the board packet. Field Techs have been working on the new shop building. New offices are constructed, foam insulation has improved the heating for the building. The Smith well is up and running. The bulk of the water draw is done on the Smith Well because of senior water rights.
3. **General Manager – Dave Schneider**  
**Well/Meter Project –Black Hills Energy** is still showing a discrepancy in the credits we should get from the solar array. Mark Stetz, Iconergy, continues to work on this. Dave is working on initiating the process of sending back the loan funds we are not going to use. It is a detailed process that should be completed by the next board meeting.

**WWTP Pilot Project – Dave Schneider, GMS, Dave Kurtz and Mark Morton** met to discuss the concerns on the application. Dave is positive by next month we should have approval on the pilot project. Sludge removal, by Denali, should all happen in the Spring with land application. Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent out for the project.

**Reservoir – Final design reviews** State approval should come next month. We are waiting on Title insurance for the McGuire property. Need signatures for the Dan McGuire easement to do some fence repair. 75% of this project is funded. Dave is working with CWCB has extra money. Dave is asking for grant money from them. At this point, we are expecting a cost of \$1.7 to \$2 million to be our responsibility. Location above wells. The amount we would have to put back, worst case scenario, is 125 gal/min not ¼ cubic foot/second (CFS). We will have the capacity to negotiate with Upper Ark. We can store water in the reservoir that we need to operate. DeWeese storage will be excess water.

Dave presented a map of 230-acre Johnson Ranch. Sold in October of 2022. The landowner has decided to move the diversion structures to 50 ft from where we have our water diversion. We get charged a pretty high transit loss percentage on our water before it crosses into the landowner’s property. The transit loss will be eliminated. This will minimize that by putting in the diversion. The district opened up our case again and amended it to put in a alternative point of storage and that is why we put it in the Gallery Well. Penrose says its in the footprint of the proposed reservoir locations. Our attorney says we can refer to our decree with our alternative point of storage and state that we sold the property and relinquished all rights to any water storage facility on the property. The attorney asked to open up the decree and renew the decree. Dave recommends not opening up our water decree.

**HS 25-1211 Limiting Special District Tap Fees** is coming up for review. Committee wants RMWSD to financially participate. The bills says we have to defend a reasonable amount to charge for taps. This would apply to districts with certain parameters. Everyone is going to be calculated. This will affect the ADUs. Most of the 300 Special Districts don’t know about this. Dave stated that we can defend why we charge what we do for tap fees. He is drafting a response to Green Mountain and he will also call Ann Terry, Special Districts Association, to see what SDA is doing and the update on the bill.

## Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Financial Report and Approval of Checks for January 2025**  
**Motion to Approve: Connie Thompson Second: Randy Wilhelm. After a few changes in the minutes that were suggested by Steve Lasswell, Vice Chair called for a vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

## New Business

1. **Approval of Resolution 2025-3 Supplemental Budget and Appropriation of 2024 Budget**  
**Motion to Approve: Randy Wilhelm Second: Mark Dembosky. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.**
2. **Approval of Resolution 2025-4 Appointing new DEO for Elections. With the vacancy of the District DEO, approval of appointing Peggy Quint as new Deo is required.**  
**Motion to Approve: Connie Thompson Second: Mark Dembosky Vote: 5-0**

